

Okanogan County Cares Act- Small Business Support Initiative

Grants of up to \$10,000 available in Okanogan County



Overview:

The Economic Alliance is partnering with Okanogan County to administer a Small Business Stabilization Grant program made possible by federal CARES funding. The County has committed up to \$250,000 for small business assistance using federal CARES funding. Grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to businesses in the county. These funds must be fully distributed by October 31, 2020. The intent of this grant is to assist businesses with eligible expenses incurred beginning March 1, 2020 through the date of their application

All applications will be reviewed based on eligibility criteria. Completed applications can only be considered if the required documentation is included. This includes an expense detail spreadsheet and copies of applicable invoices, bills, etc. Funds will be awarded on a first-come-first-served basis.

Eligibility Requirements:

The business must:

- Be physically located in Okanogan County.
- Be owned by a US citizen or permanent resident alien.
- Have been in operation for six months or longer.
- Use the grant to maintain or create jobs.
- Submit a current business license
- Have had to close or reduce capacity to operate based on the Governor's orders surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Have lost revenue due to COVID-19.
- See Application for additional requirements



Expenses:

These funds are only to be used for the following business operation costs incurred on or after March 1, 2020. In addition, the expense must be necessary; connected to; and would not exist without; the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Rent and Mortgage
- PPE Supplies
- Insurance
- Utility Bills
- Consulting Expenses
- Marketing Expenses
- Training
- Expenses incurred to accommodate business changes due to COVID-19

Ineligible Expenses:

- Payroll/Benefits/Health Insurance
- Bills for Taxes
- Capital Expenses
- Refer to www.economic-alliance.com/grants for the complete list of ineligible expenses



Frequently Asked Questions:

If you have specific questions, please email rholderdiefenbach@economic-alliance.com

If I have already received grants or loans, do I still qualify for this grant?

YES! Receiving a grant (Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant-WWSBEG, Okanogan County Small Business Emergency Grant,-OCSBEG, City of Brewster or Omak Cares Act Grant or a loan (EIDL, PPP) DOES NOT disqualify you from receiving this grant.

I have already completed an application for another grant or loan through the Economic Alliance, do I still need to complete this application?

YES! This is a brand-new grant program and requires a new application.

To request an application send an email to: rholderdiefenbach@economic-alliance.com