

Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program (Round 2)

The City of Decatur is now accepting applications for the Decatur Small Business Rapid Relief Funds. The City has been awarded \$1.2 Million from the DCEO CURE-ES program to provide to our small businesses and hospitality industry. **The applications will be accepted until 3:00 pm on May 28, 2021.**

Hotels/motels, along with bars and restaurants, as well as other small businesses are encouraged to apply immediately online for this grant opportunity to help alleviate the financial constraint that COVID-19 has had on their businesses. This grant money is being made available to reimburse Decatur businesses for expenses incurred between March 1 and December 30, 2020, related outdoor dining expenses, PPE purchases, as well as mortgage/rent and utility relief.

Ineligible businesses:

- Businesses that owe the City any fees, fines, and taxes
- Child care facilities who received CCRG are excluded from this funding
- Independent contractors or freelance workers that do not operate a sole proprietorship;
- Any business that is listed on the SAM.gov debarred list;
- A private club or business that limits membership for reasons other than capacity;
- A business primarily engages in speculative activities that develop profits from fluctuations in price rather than through normal course of trade;
- A business that earns more than a quarter of its annual net revenue from lending activities, unless the business is a non-bank or non-bank holding company certified as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI);
- A business that derives at least 33% of its gross annual revenue from legal gambling activities;
- A business engaged in pyramid sales, where a participant's primary incentive is based on the sales made an ever-increasing number of participants;
- A business engaged in activities that are prohibited by federal law or applicable law in the jurisdiction where the business is located or conducted. (Included in these activities is the production servicing, or distribution of otherwise legal products that are to be used about an illegal activity, such as selling drug paraphernalia or operating a motel that knowingly permits illegal prostitution);
- A business that derives a majority of its income as an owner of real property that leases that property to a tenant or tenants under a lease agreement;
- A business principally engaged in teaching, instructing, counseling, or indoctrinating religion or religious beliefs, whether in a religious or secular setting;
- A government-owned business entity (except for businesses owned or controlled by a Native American tribe);
- A business primarily engaged in political or lobbying activities;
- A business that manufactures or sells at wholesale, tobacco products, liquor or that manufactures or sells firearms at wholesale or retail;
- A night club or strip club;
- An employment agency;
- A pawn shop;
- A liquor store;
- A storage facility or trailer-storage yard or junk yard;

- An establishment like any enumerated above; or
- A business in which a majority owner has a financial or familial connection to a director, principal shareholder or leadership member of the Department or Department's partner under the program.
- Businesses which have a conflict of interest (COI) or appearance of a conflict of interest. COI may be a family member is on the city council, staff person, or a member of the grant review committee.

Eligible businesses may apply for one or more of the below categories here:

<https://forms.gle/3aSU93KcR7DPFdUe7>

**Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program (Round 2)
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

The Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) reimbursement of up to \$6,000 for small businesses who have been hit hard by the Pandemic. Many small businesses purchased extra personal protective equipment: i.e. gloves, masks, sanitizer, and the installation of shields on windows, and at checkout/payment areas, increased purchase of disinfectants, the hiring of local professional sanitization services. Expenses must have incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. The business and/or business owner must have a valid Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) or a valid social security number. Businesses must demonstrate the impact of COVID-19 through the most recent financial statements. The business must demonstrate it was established and in operation by December 31, 2019. Funding will be paid to the business owner(s) and will be given on a first-come basis with priority given to businesses who have been COVID-19 compliant. Submission of an application is not a guarantee of financial assistance.

Businesses, including nonprofits, which have received Covid-19 financial assistance (i.e. PPP and EIDL, state or local assistance supported by the CARES Act) may apply.

Grant funds must be used for:

- Reimbursements for costs incurred for personal protective equipment (PPE)

Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program (Round 2)
Mortgage/Rent Assistance

The Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program for Mortgage/Rent reimbursement of up to \$10,000 for mortgage/rent for small businesses for those who have been hit hard by the Pandemic. Many businesses have had to close their doors entirely, as curbside dining and carryout options were not enough to cover their overhead costs. Expenses must have incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. The business and/or business owner must have a valid Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) or a valid social security number. Businesses must demonstrate the impact of COVID-19 through the most recent financial statements. The business must demonstrate it was established and in operation by December 31, 2019. Funding will be paid to the business owner(s) and will be given on a first-come basis with priority given to businesses who have been COVID-19 compliant. Submission of an application is not a guarantee of financial assistance.

Businesses, including nonprofits, which have received Covid-19 financial assistance (i.e. PPP and EIDL, state or local assistance supported by the CARES Act) may apply.

Grant funds must be used for:

- Reimbursements for costs incurred for mortgage/rent

Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program (Round 2)
Utility Assistance (Gas & Electric)

The Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program for up to \$10,000 for utility assistance (gas & electric) for small businesses and nonprofits who have been hit hard by the Pandemic. Many businesses have had to close their doors entirely, as curbside dining and carryout options were not enough to cover their overhead costs. Expenses must have incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. The business and/or business owner must have a valid Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) or a valid social security number. Businesses must demonstrate the impact of COVID-19 through the most recent financial statements. The business must demonstrate it was established and in operation by December 31, 2019. Funding will be paid to the business owner(s) and will be given on a first-come basis with priority given to businesses who have been COVID-19 compliant. Submission of an application is not a guarantee of financial assistance.

Businesses, including nonprofits, which have received Covid-19 financial assistance (i.e. PPP and EIDL, state or local assistance supported by the CARES Act) may apply.

Grant funds must be used for:

- Reimbursements for costs incurred for utility expenses (gas & electric)

Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program (Round 2)
Parklets Reimbursement

The Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program for parklets/patio/outdoor seating improvements will provide a reimbursement of up to \$15,000 for bars and restaurants who have been hit hard by the Pandemic. Businesses incurred costs from creating safe and appealing outdoor seating areas. Many small businesses purchased awnings, tents, outdoor seating and furniture and other costs to creating parklets to keep their businesses from closing. Expenses must have incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. The business and/or business owner must have a valid Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) or a valid social security number. Businesses must demonstrate the impact of COVID-19 through the most recent financial statements. The business must demonstrate it was established and in operation by December 31, 2019. Funding will be paid to the business owner(s) and will be given on a first-come basis with priority given to businesses who have been COVID-19 compliant. Submission of an application is not a guarantee of financial assistance.

Businesses which have received Covid-19 financial assistance (i.e. PPP and EIDL, state or local assistance supported by the CARES Act) may apply.

Grant funds must be used for:

- Reimbursements for costs incurred for parklets, patios, outdoor improvements

Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program (Round 2)
Utility Assistance for Hotels/Motels

The Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program for utility assistance for hotels/motels will provide a utility payment of up to \$20,000 for our local hotels who have been hit hard by the Pandemic. Funding will be available to locally owned businesses located in the City of Decatur. The business and/or business owner must have a valid Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) or a valid social security number. Businesses must demonstrate the impact of COVID-19 through the most recent financial statements. The business must demonstrate it was established and in operation by December 31, 2019. Funding will be provided to the hotel/motel owner(s) on a first-come basis, with priority given to businesses who have been COVID-19 compliant. Submission of an application is not a guarantee of financial assistance.

Businesses which have received Covid-19 financial assistance (i.e. PPP and EIDL, state or local assistance supported by the CARES Act) may apply.

Grant funds must be used for:

- Utilities (gas and electric)