

Small Business Relief fund Information

Sedgwick County has applied for the Small Business Relief Fund which will be received January 15, 2021 and distributed shortly thereafter. This fund is specific to restaurants, bars, theatres and gyms.

If you are interested in applying, ALL of the following documents HAVE to be turned in with no exceptions. For those who applied for the original cares act business grant, I have your application and W-9 already but I do not have the other documents. For those who are new to applying, Please fill out the application and send in your W-9 along with the following forms.

Because of this short turnaround, we will not be able to pay out any of these funds if we don't have all of the documentation by January 20th and the sooner you can get it to me the better!

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NEW SMALL BUSINESS CARES ACT GRANT:

1. Verification of the small business's Colorado Income Tax account number or, for a small business that is exempt from filing a Colorado income tax return, the Colorado tax exempt certificate number
2. The small business's receipt from its most recent payment of unemployment insurance payroll taxes
3. NAICS code (North American Industry Classification System) verification that the business is engaged in an eligible industry category.
4. Demonstrate its intent to continue operating in the state for at least six months
5. Provide evidence of at least 20% revenue loss since March 26, 2020 due to the restrictions imposed on the businesses ordering Coloradans to stay at home.
6. Proof of valid business license and is in good standing with the agency that issued the business license.
7. Certifies to the local government providing the relief that the business has not applied for or received any other relief payments from the arts relief program and that they are in compliance with all executive and health orders pertaining to the public health emergency due to COVID-19

Please turn all documentation into the Clerk's office. If you have questions, please refer to the legislation on this link first:

<http://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb20b-001> as it has all of the detailed information.

Otherwise, you can call the Clerk's office at 970-474-3346 or email cbeckman@sedgwickcountygov.net.

Reopen Safe, Reopen Strong Business Grant

GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

Sedgwick County is launching a grant program to assist our local business community as they begin to reopen their doors under new guidelines and regulations. The grant program is intended to assist our businesses that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Funds for the grant are being provided by the Coronavirus Relief Fund as part of the CARES Act.

The Reopen Safe, Reopen Strong Business Grant provides five different categories of grant funds; applicants may apply for more than one category.

GRANT CATEGORIES:

Loan Pay Off

Businesses that took out a loan in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic to meet operational expenses can qualify to have their loan paid off in full, with a maximum grant award of \$30,000. Qualifying loans must be from federally insured depository institutions, federally insured credit unions. Loans must have been underwritten between March 1, 2020- June 30, 2020. Applicants will be required to include proper documentation regarding loan terms, history of payments (if applicable), lender information, and pay off amount at the time the application is submitted. Applicants seeking grant funds must also provide documentation that demonstrates financial hardship that led to taking out a loan; **see section 3.**

PPE Purchase

Businesses in need of personal protective equipment (PPE) for their employees and patrons can qualify for a reimbursement grant of up to \$5,000. Grant funds can reimburse previous PPE purchases dating back to March 1, 2020 or be used for future expenses and be reimbursed at the time of the expense through December 1, 2020. Applicants seeking reimbursement for PPE purchases must include receipts at the time the application is submitted. Applicants seeking grant funds for future PPE purchases must provide an outline of qualifying expenditures; **see section 4.**

Example of qualifying PPE includes (list is not all inclusive)

- Gloves
- Medical Masks
- Respirators (N95, FFP2 standard, or equivalent)
- Eye protection
- Gowns/Aprons

Indoor and Outdoor Infrastructure Modifications

Businesses that have to do modifications to their commercial property in order to meet Public Health Order guidelines related to COVID-19 can qualify for a maximum grant award of \$30,000. Qualifying expenses include modification to interior/exterior seating and/or social distancing measures (i.e.- expansion of outdoor seating, lobby area, etc.). Grant funds can reimburse modifications completed back to March 1, 2020 or for proposed modifications that will be completed by December 1, 2020. Applicants seeking reimbursement for indoor and/or outdoor modifications must include receipts at the time the application is submitted. Applicants seeking to do future indoor and/or outdoor