

Was your business impacted by COVID-19?

- Act 311 set aside \$300 million from the CARES Act for a small business grant program.
- Businesses can apply for up to \$15,000 to cover eligible expenses.
- Program updates will be posted at www.latreasury.com

Timeline

- Program start date will be announced by July 1.
- First 21 days: Grants will be given to businesses who didn't receive a Payment Protection Program loan, insurance payment or an Economic Injury Disaster loan.
- First 60 days, \$40 million will go to businesses owned by women, minorities and veterans.
- Within 20 days of receiving an application, we must issue payment or a rejection.
- Start putting together your paperwork! Grants can only be given as long as there's still money.

Businesses must meet this criteria:

- Were domiciled in Louisiana as of March 1, 2020
- Suffered an interruption of business
- At least 50% owned by one or more Louisiana residents
- Filed Louisiana taxes in 2018 or 2019 or will file taxes in 2020
- Had no more than 50 full-time employees as of March 1, 2020
- Have customers or employees visit a physical location
- Are not part of a bigger business with more than 50 full-time workers
- Does not exist for the purpose of advancing partisan political activity and does not directly lobby federal or state officials
- Does not derive income from passive investments without active participation in business operations

What information will be needed?

- Federal taxpayer identification number
- State taxpayer identification number
- Louisiana Department of Revenue account number
- Business legal name and authorized representative name, address, phone number and email address
- Date of formation/creation
- Business address, phone number and email address
- Industry category and business type

What's an eligible expense?

- Costs related to meeting public health requirements tied to COVID-19, including, but not limited to:
 - Creating social distancing
 - Cleaning and disinfecting
 - Purchasing equipment to protect employees and/or customers (hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, thermometers)
 - o Contactless equipment (credit card readers, etc.)
 - Expenses to facilitate teleworking (laptops, printers, scanners)
 - Necessary re-opening expenses (tents, outdoor tables)
 - Signage pertaining to reopening or restructuring
 - o Installation of drive-through windows
- Business interruption costs related to COVID-19, including, but not limited to:
 - Unemployment insurance costs
 - Providing paid sick leave
 - Inventory replacement (replacing spoiled food)
 - o Increased labor costs (hiring delivery drivers)
 - Mortgage interest (for home office)
 - o Rent
 - o Payroll
 - o Utilities

What's an ineligible expense?

- Lost profits or lost revenue
- Damages that have been or will be covered by insurance
- Costs that have been or will be reduced by any other federal or state program
- Severance pay
- Legal settlements

