



Mountains of Opportunity

EDA of Amherst County COVID-19 Small Business Grant Application

This application is for locally owned Amherst County small businesses ranging from 1-20 employees. All grants must be used for business rent, business mortgage, business utilities, and business insurances. All small businesses are encouraged to apply but priority will be given to those businesses mandated to close and/or have been significantly affected by the COVID -19 virus.

The EDA has \$25,000 to aid County small businesses. Each grant will be up to \$1,000. Applications will be accepted starting on May 11, 2020, and continue until the grant funds are depleted.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Located in Amherst County and have a storefront
- Must be up to date on local taxes
- Have a valid business license if required
- Businesses must have been established and operational within Amherst County before March 2019
- For-profit, independently-owned (non-national chain and/or nationally franchised locations) small businesses
- The EDA may also require additional information before finalizing its review for eligibility

Application Instructions:

Applications are available online at www.AmherstVAbusiness.com

Pick up applications at County Administration Office located at 153 Washington St., Amherst, VA 24521

Completed applications should be dropped of at EDA office located at 328 Richmond Hwy, Amherst, VA 24521

Please include with your application:

- A signed application
- A copy of your Amherst County business license (if applicable)
- A copy of the bill that you are seeking reimbursement. If the bill is for rent, please include a copy of the lease.

Applicant understands that this completed and signed application is only an application and does not constitute a commitment on behalf of the County of Amherst and the Economic Development Authority of Amherst County to extend credit, grant, or loan funds.

Name of business:

Owner's name:

Business address:

Business mailing address:

Contact email address:

Contact phone:

Federal Tax ID# (EIN)/ SS #:

Description of your business.:

How long have you been in business?

How many employees do you have? Part-time:

Full time:

Were you mandated to close? Yes No

Have you had to lay off or furlough any employees, if yes how many?

Have you applied for any of the following government aid programs? (Check all that apply)

If not, why?

_____ Paycheck Protection Program
_____ Denied Funds
_____ Approved but have NOT received funds
_____ Approved and HAVE received funds

_____ SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan
_____ Denied Funds
_____ Approved but have NOT received funds
_____ Approved and HAVE received funds

- _____ Unemployment Benefits
- _____ Denied Funds
- _____ Approved but have NOT received funds
- _____ Approved and HAVE received funds

Other (for example rent suspension):

Please provide a brief description of how the shutdown has affected your business and your plan to remain operational.

List the top three financial needs to maintain your business.

Is there anything else you would like us to know about the impacts you are experiencing related to the public health concerns around COVID-19?

All information is confidential to the maximum extent permitted by law. By signing below, I authorize the EDA to make inquires as necessary to verify the accuracy of the statements made and to determine my eligibility for this grant. I certify the above and the statements made in the attachments are true and accurate as of the stated dates. I understand that FALSE statements may result in forfeiture of benefits and possible prosecution.

Signature

Date

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