

Fremont County Financial Recovery Business Grant Funding

As our community continues to confront the still-emerging health and economic implications of the COVID-19 crisis, small businesses, schools, religious organizations and non-profit entities throughout Fremont County have sought to meet the sudden and emergency needs of our community. Fremont County is proud to announce the final opportunity entities to apply for relief and receive funding, via the CARES Act, to address the COVID-19 emergency.

Application and Deadline Information

Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2020. Only complete applications will be accepted, and all submissions will become the property of Fremont County.

Awards and Disbursement of Funds

Application reviewers will determine eligibility and grant amount. Awards will depend upon the number of applicants, availability of funds, and demonstrated need. Once funding decisions are made, applicants will receive a Grant Award notification which will outline all terms and conditions of receiving the grant. Fremont County reserves the right to offer awards different from the specified amount requested. Funds will be distributed via check. All funding decisions are final.

Grant Recipient Reporting Requirement

This grant is based solely on the reimbursement for loss of revenue. Business must provide sales tax returns for March – December 2019 and March – December 2020 or monthly Profit and Loss Statements for March – December 2019 and March – December 2020 to demonstrate loss of revenues. Profit and Loss Statements must be certified by the business owner. **All sales tax information will be held in strict confidence and will not be subject to public disclosure.**

Application

The Fremont County Small Business Emergency Grant Fund is designed to provide a financial bridge until businesses can return to a more sustainable level of operation. As our community deals with the health and economic implications of the COVID-19 crisis, small businesses have been especially hard hit. Supporting our small businesses is integral to creating jobs for our residents and bringing back the goods and services that provide us with the quality of life we value in Fremont County.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must have a physical location in Fremont County.
- Has been operating continuously since at least March 26, 2019.
- Independently owned.
- Must be registered with the Colorado Secretary of State and be in good standing since March 26, 2019.
- Be current with required Fremont County Personal and Property Taxes.
- Businesses with more than one physical location in Fremont County may apply for the grant program for each location. For purposes of estimating FTE's, the FTE count shall be based only on the specific location applying for the grant.
- Marijuana industry businesses are not eligible.
- Demonstrate how funds will help return to profitability.
- Note:
 - Grant funds may not be used to pay Fremont County Personal and Property taxes.
 - The CARES Act prohibits the use of grant funds to replace County revenues.
 - Requests for funding to offset property taxes will be denied.

Applicants will be required to submit/show:

- Sales tax returns filed with the State of Colorado from March – December 2019 and from March – December 2020 to show loss of revenue during that time period. **All sales tax information will be held in strict confidence and will not be subject to public disclosure.**
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