



City of Huron COVID-19

Small Business Assistance Grant Program

Eligibility Criteria & Program Guidelines

The City of Huron has created a Small Business Assistance Grant Program to help offset the economic impacts from COVID-19. This program offers a grant to cover Rent/Lease/Mortgage and Payroll to eligible small business establishments that have been affected by the State of California's Executive order mandating closure of non-essential businesses. For the purposes of this Grant Program, Business Establishments shall mean a physical location of a "Brick and Mortar" business. Only one grant will be provided to the "Owners" of each eligible business establishment within city limits.

The grant may be used to pay for:

- Rent/Lease/Mortgage Payment
- Payroll

Eligibility for the program is limited to businesses that meet all of the following:

- Must be considered a non-essential business, thus mandated to shut down by the State of California (only exception to the non-essential business requirement would be sit down/dine in restaurants)
- For-profit entity
- 0 – 40 part time and/or full time employees
- Business is located within Huron city limits
- Valid City of Huron business license as of March 1, 2020
- Business must be in good standing (No outstanding code violations, delinquent accounts prior to March 1, 2020, etc., businesses can cure any non-delinquent violations prior to applying)
- Business has been impacted by issues related to COVID-19
- Business shall intend to remain open for at least the next 12 months
- Business is within city limits
- Current Pacific Gas and Electricity (PG&E) invoice (not more than 30 days from 10/01/20)

The following business types are not eligible to apply:

- Non-Profit Organizations
- Real Estate/Realtors and associated businesses
- Mortgage Companies, Title Companies, etc.
- Financing Entities, such as Banks, CPAs, Financial Advisors, etc.
- Office Type Businesses
- Home Occupations
- Manufacturing businesses that remained open related to essential services

- Businesses that were considered essential and allowed to stay open (with exception of sit down/dine in restaurants)
- Businesses related to the construction industry
- Businesses that sublet space within another business establishment (does not have a separate physical commercial storefront)
- Property Management Businesses/Property Owners

How to apply:

- Submit a complete application by mail (postmarked before 10/31/2020) or office door window drop in
- Submit a completed W-9
- Submit proof of monthly rent/lease/mortgage payment (copy of rent/lease/mortgage contract and bank statements showing payment)
- Submit proof of a current Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) utility bill (copy of this utility bill and bank statements showing payment)

Funding for the Small Business Assistance Grant Program will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis until designated funds for the program have been exhausted. The City's determination whether to award grant funds shall be based on meeting the eligibility criteria and/or whether awarding grant funds is consistent with the overall goals and objectives of the program. An applicant may appeal any such determination to the City Manager, whose decision shall be final.

Please allow up to 60 days from the application deadline to receive an update of your application. All applicants will be notified by mail.

WARNING: Knowingly providing false or misleading information on any application for a grant under this Program is grounds for suspension or revocation of the applicant's business license, in addition to any other applicable penalties.

For Questions: Call City of Huron's Administration Department at (559) 945-2241.