

Surry County Business Recovery & Reinvention Grant Program Application

This \$50,000 Surry County Business Recovery & Reinvention Grant Program (SBRRGP) was created by the Board of Supervisors as part of their ongoing efforts to support our business community as we work to reinvest, recover, and reinvent in the wake of the COVID 19 pandemic. Limited funds are available for this grant assistance program and only qualified applicants will receive funds. Applications for funding should be submitted to the Surry County Economic Development Department who will screen applicants and ensure all documentation and requirements are met. This is a first come, first serve program. All applicants must submit information as provided below and all applications must be deemed complete before the Economic Development Department submits the application to the Economic Development Authority of Surry County, Virginia (the “EDA”).

Please submit applications by email lgholston@surrycountyva.gov or physically to the Resource Center located at 11916 Rolfe Highway, Surry, VA 23883 during working hours of Monday – Thursday, 10AM-3PM. The program will run from June 1- June 22nd, 2022.

The factors for the award are set forth below. The EDA may also request additional information before finalizing its review. All applicants must further certify that the information provided below and submitted with this application is true and accurate. Please note that funds for this program are not guaranteed and the EDA may choose to award as many or as few grants as it chooses, but, in any event, the amount of the program is limited to \$50,000.

Grants will be awarded based on the following factors:

1. Licensed and operational for-profit business in Surry County
2. Operational prior to March 1, 2022
3. Currently open and operating (Funds may NOT be used to restart a business closed during COVID-19)
4. Commitment to maintain funded project within Surry County for a minimum of 2 years post-award
5. Business must be in good standing with Surry County or Town taxes and zoning regulations
6. 25 employees or less (not to include out of county contractors)
7. Funds will only be distributed via ACH or by check (If awarded the business must provide the Economic Development Authority additional banking forms for financial disbursement)
8. Business has made efforts to retain employees during the COVID-19 outbreak
9. Possession of current Surry County or Town of Surry, Claremont or Dendron Business License
10. This is a first come, first served basis
11. Submission of a timely and complete application (including all additionally required documentation). Applications will be tracked and numbered as they are received.

12. If approved, grant funds will be distributed to the business for qualifying business costs or current expense up to the amount of the grant award. Qualifying expenses include payroll, rent, utilities, mortgage payments, supplies, and business expenses during the last 12 months.
13. Qualified small businesses will be awarded a maximum of \$5,000. Grant amounts vary by size of business, based on number of employed (documented by payroll statements and federal employment records)

The EDA will not discriminate against any applicant on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, status as a veteran, including status as a service-disabled veteran, or any other basis prohibited by federal or state law. Allegations of any discrimination should be made to the County Administrator, Melissa Rollins, mrollins@surreycountyva.gov.

Any questions regarding this application should be addressed to Linda Gholston, Workforce Development Coordinator: lgholston@surreycountyva.gov

Eligibility and Terms

Eligibility for the SBRRGP:

1. Must be a Surry County small business with 25 employees or less (national chain and/or nationally franchised locations or out of county contractors are not eligible)
2. Businesses must have been established and operational within Surry County for at least 12 months.
3. Businesses and business owners must possess a current Surry County or Town Business License.
4. Business owners must indicate on the application how their business has been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

Factors to be considered for grant awards:

1. Have made efforts to retain employees during the COVID-19 outbreak (taking into consideration that legally required closures may have made employee retention easier in some industries than others).
2. Possession of current Surry County or Town Business License.
3. Submission of a timely and complete application (including all additionally required documentation). Applications will be tracked and numbered as they are received.
4. If approved, grant funds will be distributed to the business as a reimbursement for qualifying business costs that occurred after March 17, 2021.

The Business must provide documentation where the qualifying expense was paid and then the EDA will reimburse the business for the expenses up to the amount of the grant award.

Qualifying expenses include:

1. Payroll, rent, utilities, mortgage payment, supplies, and business expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The applicant must clearly demonstrate the financial benefit this grant would have on their business operations and articulate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their business.
3. Other relevant factors may be considered by the Authority.

The American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Interim Final Rule: Statement Regarding Compliance with the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule and Final Rule, which provides guidance on use of funds until the Final Rule takes effect:

“For assistance to small businesses, the Interim Final Rule states that assistance may be provided to small businesses, including loans, grants, in-kind assistance, technical assistance or other services, to respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID19 public health emergency. In providing assistance to small businesses, recipients must design a program that responds to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency, including by identifying how the program addresses the identified need or impact faced by small businesses. This can include assistance to adopt safer operating procedures, weather periods of closure, or mitigate financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency.”

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Date: _____

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY _____

Please include the following information:

Business Information

Legal Business Name:

DBA:

Business Address:

City: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone #: _____

Years of operation in Surry County: _____

Business Email: _____

Website: _____

Federal Tax ID# (EIN): _____

Description of Business:

Ownership Information

Complete this section for each person who has 3% or more ownership interest in the business. Use additional sheets as necessary.

Name: _____

Home Street Address:

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____

Mobile Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Name: _____

Home Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____

Mobile Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Additional Questions

A. Total number of current employees: FT: _____ PT: _____

B. Total number of employees as of last payroll run: FT: _____ PT: _____

C. Total number of employees either laid-off or furloughed as a result of COVID-19:
FT: _____ PT: _____

D. Have you submitted an application to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for financial assistance through the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program or the

Payment Protection Program (PPP)? Yes: _____ No: _____

If not,

why? _____

E. Has your business received any funding from any of the SBA programs or any other grant or loan program associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic?

Yes: _____ No: _____ Amount: _____

Statement Narrative

Describe how business operations have or will be adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as your plans for current and near-term operations (during reduced COVID-19 business restrictions) in order to remain operational.

Identify how you plan to continue employment of all or certain employees and the type of positions being retained in comparison to pre COVID-19 disruption.

Detail how you plan to use the grant funds to continue business operations by providing receipts, invoices and/or quotes.

Certification

Each of the applicants must initial the following statements to indicate that they understand and agree to the following conditions and certifications:

I acknowledge that this completed and signed application is only an application for the disaster assistance grant funds expressed herein.

This application, even if favorably received, does not constitute a commitment on the part of the EDA to extend grant funds.

I agree to notify the EDA immediately in writing if any of the information contained in this application materially changes in any respect.

I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the EDA, its board members, and associated County employees against any claims, charges, suits, damages or other similar liability and to further waive any claims against the EDA, its board members, and associated County employees whether now existing or arising in the future regarding any damages, losses, liability, costs or expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) incurred and arising from this application.

I understand that by submitting this application the EDA is under no obligation to approve and/or extend an assistance grant.

I certify that this application is not made by or for the financial benefit of any of the following persons or their immediate family members (where immediate family members includes a spouse or any other person who resides in the same household of such person and is a dependent of such person): (i) any EDA board member, (ii) any officer or employee of Surry County (including, but not limited to, the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission), or (iii) any constitutional officer of Surry County or any employee of a constitutional officer. I further certify that the award of the Surry County Business Recovery & Reinvention Grant Program to the applicant would not violate the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act.

I understand that a false certification or false statement on this application will subject the signatory and applicant to repayment of the grant funds and other penalties under the law.

I HEREBY CERTIFY AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE APPLICATION AS COMPLETED,

AND THAT EACH RESPONSE IS TRUE, COMPLETE, AND ACCURATE.

Applicant: _____

Name of Business: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____