

## **KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

### **COVID BUSINESS STIMULUS GRANT**

The County Commissioners of Kent County, Maryland recognize the distressing economic impact COVID-19 continues to have on businesses. Through the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), established under the CARES Act, we are offering grant funds to local small businesses.

The Kent County COVID Business Stimulus Grant offers funding to assist Kent County small businesses with funding to continue operations through COVID-19.

#### **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Grants for Kent County for profit businesses with a minimum of 2 employees or a store front where the public is served on a regular basis. **The funds cover expenses between March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and February 28, 2021.** Businesses must plan to remain open. Grants will be awarded until funds are depleted, grant amounts will be determined by the available funding and number of eligible applications received. New businesses are eligible.

Business must be physically located in Kent County, be in good standing with the State of Maryland and Kent County.

**Use of Funds** The grant funds must be used for that fall under one or more of the following categories:

- Inventory Acquisition (inventory needed to reopen or maintain open status)
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) purchase
- Facility Readiness (social distancing preparedness, business modifications, etc.)
- Rent
- Utilities

#### **Ineligible Businesses**

- Home based businesses with no employees
- Real estate investment entities
- Rental properties
- Direct selling consultants
- Firms involved in lending activities
- County employees and elected officials
- Churches and organizations promoting religious objectives

#### **Information required to complete the application:**

- Federal Tax ID # (EIN)
- Contact Information
- Date business was established
- Number of employees
- Business mailing and physical address

### Documents Required

- Completed Application
- Completed W9

Once the applicants are verified and approved, pending funding availability, the applicant will sign a grantee agreement and receive the grant check. **Applicant must complete a use of funds statement no later than March 31, 2021.** Applications will be processed within 15 business days of receipt.

The funds will be administered under the direction of the Kent County Economic & Tourism Development Department. For more information contact [econdev@kentgov.org](mailto:econdev@kentgov.org) or 410-810-2168. Visit <https://www.kentcounty.com/business/business-support/incentives/grants> to complete the application.

**Ensure the grant request and expenses are not covered under another grant previously received from Kent County grants or the PPP loan forgiveness.**