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Small Business Stabilization Grant Program

In an effort to meet the needs of small businesses in Jacksonville, Community Development is offering business stabilization grants to businesses with at least two (2) to twenty (20) employees (including the owner).

Pre-applications are now open for submission until all funds are depleted. Additional information and documentation will be requested following submission of a pre-application. Pre-application are required for consideration, but businesses may voluntarily withdraw from consideration at any time during the application and review process that follows.

Please submit pre-applications and questions to Theresa Watson via email at twatson@cityofjacksonville.net . All applications must be completed via a computer and submitted electronically. Please be advised that staff will offer further outreach regarding incomplete pre-application, or technical assistance regarding the pre-application process (including submission issues) for any correspondence or submissions received.

Grant Amount

Grants provided will be up to \$3,000 per 10 employees, with a maximum of \$6,000 per business.

Use of Program Funds

The program is funded through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds that the City of Jacksonville receives from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and are therefore subject to the limits, rules, and uses set forth by HUD, even if not explicitly listed prior. Funds will be used to pay up to three month rent and/or utilities bills. Grant funds will be paid directly to the landlord/mortgage company and/or utility company.

Eligibility

The program is intended for for-profit businesses in Jacksonville with at least 2 to 20 employees (including the owner) that has been in business at least two years, who has a DUN

number, is registered with System for Award Management (SAM) and have a current City of Jacksonville Privilege License. Non-profit, franchise, and chain organizations are not eligible, as well as any business outside the city limits of Jacksonville. Additionally, the following business types are specifically not eligible for assistance: Adult bookstores, adult video shops or other adult entertainment facilities, check cashing facilities, gambling facilities, firearm or other weapons dealers, liquor and/or tobacco stores, non-therapeutic massage parlors, medical marijuana production or distribution businesses, passive real estate investments, pawn shops, tanning salons, tattoo parlors or home-based businesses operating without appropriate zoning and/or permits.

Only applicants who can demonstrate that private funding is either not feasible or not available (i.e. denial) will be eligible. Similarly, only applicants who can demonstrate that assistance through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) – including the Paycheck Protection Program and Emergency Injury Disaster Loans – is either not feasible or not available (i.e. denial) will be eligible. Conditional to new information and guidance that is released, other funding sources may also be included as disqualifying factors at a later point.

Additionally, ONE (1) of the following eligibility criteria must be met:

- The Owner’s household income (including all adults at their home address) is below the income limits established by HUD listed in the table below.
- At least 51% of the current employees are a member of a low/moderate-income household listed in the table below

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Income	\$40,450	\$46,200	\$52,000	\$57,750	\$62,400	\$67,000	\$71,650	\$76,250

The following sources of income are used to calculate household income for all adult members (18 and older) of the household.

Salary/Wages	Bonuses/Incentives	Commissions/Tips
Interest/Dividends	Grant Repayments	Annuities
Military Pension	VA Disability Benefits	Unemployment
Rent (As Landlord)	Social Security Survivors	Self-employment
Worker’s Compensation	Union Pension or Disability	Alimony
Pension/Profit-Sharing	Keogh/IRA Plans	Child Support
Disability/Long Term Insurance	401 (k)/403 (b) Plans	Other (specify):