

NEW! APPLY! Douglas County COVID-19 Business Assistance Grants Available

CCD Business Development Corporation (CCD) has contracted with Douglas County to deploy the approximately \$1,470,000 in CARES Act funds allotted to the county for a COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant Program.

Grant applications will be accepted beginning at Noon on Friday, December 4. The application deadline is December 11 at 5:00 pm.

Businesses need to act fast and apply now! According to CCD executive director Theresa Haga, "There is a very short window of time to disburse a large amount of money. If you are hesitant to apply, don't be. We are still facing an unknown future with winter ahead of us. We want to help as many of our local businesses as possible while the money is available."

These funds are intended to be equally accessible to all businesses within the following categories:

- Hospitality within the service industry: Hotels and Motels, Bed-and-Breakfast Inns, RV Parks, Recreational and Vacation Camps, Caterers, Wineries, Breweries, Event Planning, Travel Agencies, Tour Operators, Theme Parks, Bowling Alleys and Theaters;
- Restaurants that do not have a drive-up option; and,
- Gyms & Fitness Facilities

Eligible Applicants must be a small business located in Douglas County, Oregon.

Businesses must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- The business is headquartered in Oregon and has its principal operations in Oregon.
- If required by Oregon law to be registered with the Oregon Secretary of State to do business in Oregon, the Business is so registered.
- The business has 100 or fewer employees.
- The business was affected in either one of the following two ways:
 - For-profit and non-profit (limited to 501(c)(3) corporations) businesses that were prohibited from operations as directed by Executive Orders 20-12 or 20-65.
 - For-profit and non-profit (limited to 501(c)(3) corporations) businesses that can demonstrate a one-month decline in sales of 25% or more, incurred by the COVID-19 pandemic, between March 1, 2020 and November 30, 2020 as compared against the same period of time in 2019.

The following businesses are NOT eligible to apply for or receive funding:

- Passive real estate holding companies and entities holding passive investments.
- Non-profit entities that do not have federal 501(c)(3) status.
- Businesses that experience a decline in revenues for reasons other than those caused by the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g. seasonal or cyclical business cycles.)
- Businesses delinquent on federal, state or local taxes due on or before the date of application.
- Businesses that do not comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations.
- Businesses that have closed and do not intend to reopen.

Eligible Grant Amounts: \$5,000 – \$75,000

To Apply: The application will be available at www.ccdbusiness.org on Friday, December 4, 2020 at noon (12:00 p.m.) and applications will be accepted through 5:00 pm on Friday, December 11, 2020.

These funds were made available when the Oregon Legislature, in partnership with the Governor, allocated \$55 Million of federal CARES Act funds for the purpose of providing financial assistance to small businesses affected by economic conditions as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds were allocated to counties to deploy in the form of grants to small businesses that have been financially impacted.

Chamber to Launch No-Cost PPE Distribution Program Next Week

Partnership between the City of Roseburg and the Roseburg Area Chamber will provide personal protective equipment (PPE) at no cost to Roseburg area businesses. The limited-quantity PPE to be offered will include: 3-ply ear-loop disposal masks, washable reusable cloth masks, non-surgical KN95 masks, pump-bottle hand sanitizer, antibacterial wipes and disposable nitrile gloves.

To receive the no-cost PPE, businesses **must apply through the chamber's website** and demonstrate that they were financially impacted by COVID-19. The program is set to launch on or about December 10. Applications **will be** available on the [Roseburg Chamber website](#) once the PPE distribution program is "live." Next week, check your inbox and the chamber website for eligibility criteria and application links. Once launched, application information will also be posted on the city's website.

Economic Shutdown Continues for Douglas County

Douglas County at Extreme Risk Level. On Tuesday, December 1, Governor Brown announced updates to county risk levels under the state's new public health framework to reduce transmission of COVID-19. As we stated above, the framework uses four different risk levels for counties based on COVID-19 spread—Extreme Risk, High Risk, Moderate Risk and Lower Risk. Each risk level has **assigned health and safety measure mandates**. These mandated measures are effective Thursday, December 3 and will remain through December 17. The Oregon Health Authority will examine and publish county data weekly. County risk levels will be reassigned every two weeks, with the next risk assignment levels taking effect on December 18.

Twenty-five counties have been determined to be in the Extreme Risk, including Douglas County, which means we will continue with the economic shutdown currently in place. A complete list of counties and their associated risk levels is available [here](#).

For more **information about the risk levels and activity guidance, guidance based on county risk level** or read the **full press release**. State of Oregon, Office of the Governor **Executive Order 20-66**.

A change from the two-week "freeze," bars and restaurants will be allowed to have a maximum of 50 customers dining outdoors, with tables limited to parties of six. Service must stop at 11 p.m.

Retail capacity limitations are also changing. Under the "two-week freeze" requirements, all retail was limited to 75% capacity. Now, those counties classified as at "extreme" or "high" risk are curtailed to 50%.

Just a reminder, the chamber will post any new information, resource materials and/or links on its [COVID-19 Business Recovery Resource Center Library](#) page on our website as soon as we obtain it.

NEW OSHA COVID-19-Related Resources Available

Oregon OSHA has released a [Fact Sheet](#) for the COVID-19 Temporary Rule for All Workplaces as well as a [question and answer document](#) regarding the rule that went into effect on November 16. It is important to understand these provisions and what your responsibilities are as an Oregon employer.

Oregon OSHA's temporary rule for COVID-19 (OAR 437-001-0744) **requires all employers to develop and implement an infection control plan**. This plan builds upon each employer's exposure risk assessment, which the rule also requires, and aims to eliminate or otherwise minimize worker exposure to COVID-19. The exposure risk assessment and infection control plan need to be completed in writing for those employers with more than 10 employees by December 7.

Below are several resources regarding COVID-19-related rule updates. Additional materials can be found on [Oregon OSHA's website](#).

- Infection Control Plan ([Fill-in Word document](#) or [Print version](#))
- COVID-19 Hazards Poster [English](#) / [Spanish](#)
- [Exposure Risk Assessment Form](#)
- [Temporary Rule 437-001-0744 and Appendix Addressing COVID-19 Workplace Risks](#)
- [Overview Table for Oregon OSHA COVID-19 Temporary Rule](#)
- [Model Policy for Notification of Employees when COVID-19 Exposure Occurs](#) / [Spanish](#)

Show Local Businesses the Love and Loyalty This Holiday-Shopping Season

Let's show our local retail businesses, restaurants, wineries and breweries the love and loyalty they need and deserve this holiday season . . . and all year long!

Our restaurants, tasting rooms, breweries, etc. are not the source of the recent surge in positive COVID-19 cases in Oregon. They should not have been required to close, again. Check out the **Op-Ed** by Jason Brandt, CEO of the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association.

Here's what we can do to help! To ensure our favorite eateries...and more...survive the mandates, restrictions, and the overall impacts related to the pandemic, please patronize by ordering takeout and purchasing gift certificates this holiday season! Also order/pick-up local wines and brews for our own holiday tables and as gifts for others! Shop our small local retailers, crafters and artisans this holiday-shopping season. Let's keep the money in Douglas County! Get Vocal About Local!
#shoplocal #buylocal #dinelocal #takeout #drinklocal #pickup #shopsmall #supportlocal #shoproseburg #landofumpqua #shopdouglascountyoregon

Recovery Resource Library Related to COVID-19 Pandemic & Wildfires

Wildfire Recovery Assistance Information—**UPDATED INFORMATION ONLINE**

For those impacted by the recent wildfires, the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce continues to update daily a detailed list of resources and information on our website to assist our local businesses and residents during recovery. Please check back often, as the resource information from FEMA, US Small Business Administration, the state of Oregon and the chamber's economic-growth/sustainability partners, is relayed to the chamber almost daily. The wildfire disaster assistance information is under the chamber's "Current News" page, "[Resource Information for Recovery Related to 2020 Wildfires](#)" section. FYI, it's the section past all the COVID-19 pandemic resource.

Information and Recovery Resources for Businesses Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic—**UPDATED INFORMATION**

Please continue to check the chamber's online "[Business Recovery Resource Center Library Re: COVID-19 Pandemic](#)," as the chamber updates its resource information almost daily. And, please share this link with friends and colleagues. The more our local businesses are armed with information and access to resources, the stronger our recovery.

Chamber News, Programs & Updates

Be sure and take a look at the chamber's November/December 2020 issue of ***Business Perspectives***. There is much information about upcoming programs and events. Missed a past issue of Business Perspectives or one of those "oh-so-informative" members email blasts? No worries. They are posted on the chamber website on the [Monthly Newsletter page](#) . . . just scroll.

Time to Nominate! Be sure and download nomination forms for 2020 **first citizens, businesses of the year** and **chamber volunteer of the year** honors. And, grow your business in 2021 by participating in the "Shop Chamber & Save" exclusive member-to-member discount program. Download and return the [Shop Chamber & Save form](#) by **December 4th deadline**.

SAVE THE DATE! March 18, 2021 the Roseburg Area Chamber will host several programs and events throughout the day and evening for its annual celebration of business, recognition and awards event and annual membership meeting. Look for more information in early 2021!

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