

Hello,

My husband is a chef from Mexico City, we have a specialty catering small business here in Portland.

Right now, early Spring, is when we begin to get our jobs. Private and public. We do as much other work as we can on the side, but of course everything is affected right now.

These catering jobs get us through the year, help us pay the bills and support 2 kids. We have been building the business and we are finally gaining traction, but now we fear we will lose everything. With catering, of course, there is nothing we can do online. Delivery is tricky for the kind of food that we serve, but it is also much harder to get clients for delivery as we have never focused on it.

We are trying not to panic, yet. But all we see are options for low interest business loans. But this would just create more debt for us, and we will surely be out of business soon.

Can the State come up with small grants for small businesses? just to keep us afloat? We are already living paycheck to paycheck, with 0 savings, and lots of debt, like so many other folks in this State, and country.

We hope that with enough expression and encouragement, we will have access to small business grants.

Thank you,
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