

Thank you for working on behalf of businesses in Oregon.

We own three successful, small businesses in Central Oregon.

The first is a retail store in downtown Bend, Oregon. Our doors are now closed. I need assistance paying my rent. We have over three years left on the lease.

We also have two vacation rental homes. Nearly every reservation between now and summer has cancelled.

The third business is an art studio. We supply stores around the country with handmade buttons and magnets. Our largest customer, Powell's Books in Portland, Oregon has cancelled all standing orders. We also have a lease for the art studio.

We have gone overnight from being a steady job provider and a business with no debt to family with massive, mounting financial commitments - and zero income.

If the only assistance available to small business owners is going to be loans, we will come out of this situation in massive debt. I would like to see relief for rent/lease/mortgage payments in the form of grants or something other than just loans.

We have laid down our life savings to get these businesses up and running. What can be done to assist us that does not leave us saddled with a lifetime of debit?

Please do what you can for us.

Sincerely,
Delia Paine, President
The Bend Store