

To whom it may concern,

Im writing today to ask (an plead with) the Committee on Coronavirus to consider a grant program for small business and the owners. Our town is filled with businesses and brick and mortar shops that are the heartbeat of this town. We draw tourists, we employ people who need a flexible work schedule, we pay it forward by supporting other small businesses in the community. With the closures of our businesses, our shops, and our bars/restaurants due to the self distances recommendations, our monthly revenue is basically null. However, we still have to pay our leases, our bills, business loan payments, and our invoices to our vendors in order to keep our businesses a float. Further more, we lose out on unemployment due to be a business owner. What that means, is no personal income as well. We have homes, families, and in my case (private school) to pay for even while our businesses are being extremely affected by COVID -19. So, please consider a grant program. A loan is only going to put a band-aid on a festering wound. Many of us have business debt, we definitely do not need more at this unpredictable time. Financial assistance in the form of a grant is greatly needed to get us through this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

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