Local Jurisdiction Business Relief Programs

- 1. Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Anyone working with a Native-owned small businesses of 5 employees or fewer, operating in the State of Oregon can apply for an Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Development Center (ATNI EDC) forgivable loans. They have received five or so applicants and could fund more. https://atniedc.com/c-19/covid-19-emergency-loans/
- 2. Albany and Community Lending Works created a <u>small business emergency loan fund</u> to help local businesses during the economic downturn caused by the spread of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. Albany committed \$200,000 to seed the fund. Eligible businesses include those with 40 or fewer employees, loans are up to \$15,000 at 2% interest with no payments for the first six months. The program is currently fully subscribed.
- 3. Beaverton dedicated \$250,000 in grants through their Emergency Business Assistance Program. On April 28, City Council approved an additional \$250,000 for grants. Businesses in Beaverton that were ordered to close as a result of government coronavirus guidelines can apply for \$2,500 per month in rent or mortgage reimbursement while the city is in a declared state of emergency. Beaverton also approved \$100,000 in emergency capital grants to help businesses pivot to COVID-19 response and to help with inventory and operation ramp up in recovery.
- 4. Bend City Council approved the creation of a utility assistance program for Bend businesses on April 15th. Businesses impacted by the COVID-19 crisis may access up to \$250 in credit each on sewer and water bills for a total of \$500.
- 5. CCD Business Development has a small business loan program, ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000.
- 6. Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council launched a \$300,000 small business assistance program with its own and local gov't investments. Several rounds of funding area planned.
- 7. Col-Pac EDD has a loan program for small businesses in Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, and western Washington counties (west of Hillsboro) including those impacted by COVID-19.
- 8. Corvallis/Benton County Benton County Commissioners verbally committed on April 16 to funding a county-wide loan program in partnership with DevNW. Loans will be low interest, \$5,000-10,000, with a 5-year term.
- 9. Forest Grove awarded grants to local businesses affected by the pandemic with 25 employees or less to pay their rent or mortgage for the month of April. Individual grants were up to a maximum of \$2,500 per business. \$100,000 was appropriated for the program which has now closed.
- 10. Grants Pass adopted the COVID-19 Emergency Grants Assistance and Recovery Program to provide immediate funds to small local business owners to cover ongoing expenses during the State "Stay at Home, Save Lives" mandate. This is a first come first served grant program due to limited funding ability.

- 11. Gresham developed the Small Business Emergency Grant Program offering one-time grants in the amount of \$1,000 per employee up to a maximum of \$10,000 per business. Application period has closed. The city originally dedicated \$400,000 to the program and followed up with an additional \$400,000 in approved grant funds.
- 12. Happy Valley City Council approved a \$300,000 emergency business assistance program on April 21 to provide grants of up to \$7,500 to local businesses affected by COVID-19. Small businesses can apply within the window beginning Friday, April 24 at 4 pm through Friday, May 1 at 4 pm.
- 13. Hillsboro has dedicated \$1M in funding to their Hillsboro Small Business Emergency Relief Program. Businesses in Hillsboro can apply to receive a \$3,000 grant to offset losses associated with the coronavirus. Priority will be given to restaurants, bars, education facilities and businesses that serve large groups of people. Businesses with 10 or fewer employees will be prioritized. Applications close April 7th.
- **14.** Independence expects approval to release up to \$200,000 of their previous EDA Revolving Loan Funding to respond to COVID-19 (pending as of 4/29/2020).
- 15. Lake Oswego has a COVID-19 Business Assistance Grant Program with a \$250,000 budget. Grants of up to \$2,500 per business, based on number of employees. Applications accepted beginning April 8. Award letters emailed to applicants beginning April 15. Funds disbursed beginning April 15. Awardees can be reimbursed for expenses incurred on or after March 8, 2020, the date of Governor Brown's Executive Order 20-07 and Applications accepted while funds are available.
- 16. La Grande created an emergency loan program making available City General Fund dollars to fund a limited number of loans of up to \$10,000. Priority will be given to businesses that provide essential services such as food service, groceries, and retail. Loan applications were accepted through Thursday, April 16, 2020. Applications submitted after this deadline will be considered only if additional funding is available and will continue until funding is exhausted.
- 17. Lane County, the City of Springfield, the City of Eugene and Community Lending Works have come together to create a Small Business Emergency Loan Fund (SBELF). Small businesses may apply for loans up to \$30,000 at 2% with no payments for the first six months. Eligible businesses include those with 20 FTE or fewer as of the end of 2019 and located within Lane County. Interested businesses will be able to apply starting March 22.
- 18. Madras City Council and the Madras Redevelopment Commission voted on April 14th to set up an Economic Assistance grant program to help local businesses adversely affected by the COVID-19 restrictions. The Council appropriated \$100,000 for businesses in Madras and the Madras Redevelopment Commission appropriated \$200,000 for businesses located within the Madras Urban Renewal area. Awarded grants will be up to \$2,500 per business, with a task force to review applications received between April 29th and May 8th and administer the program.
- 19. Marion County on April 1, 2020 approved use of \$200,000 in lottery funding for grants of up to \$5,000 to qualifying small businesses in Marion County on a first come, first serve basis. Willamette Workforce Partnership received an overwhelming response receiving more than 1,000 requests in the 24-hour application window. In the first few minutes, WWP received enough applications to exhaust the available funds and is distributing grants to 102 businesses with average amounts of \$2,000-\$2,500 starting April 29. The commissioners authorized an additional \$800,000 in lottery funding to provide additional grants. Businesses that submitted

- applications, and meet eligibility requirements, will receive a \$1,000 grant to meet short term needs as businesses begin to receive federal stimulus and other available business funding.
- 20. Milwaukie established a <u>business relief fund</u> to support small businesses in Milwaukie impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The fund will provide one-time grants up to \$5,000 to businesses for working capital expenses, such as payroll, lease or commercial mortgage payments, utilities, insurance and inventory, among others. The total funding available is \$130,000, which is being allocated from the Construction Excise Tax program. The application period is closed.
- 21. Newberg has a grant program to area businesses to help with rent or mortgage payments directly related to COVID-19 impacts. So far, they have awarded \$104,852 to 62 businesses from their general fund. Grant max was \$2,500.00 per business.
- 22. Pendleton approved \$100,000 in funding for an emergency grant program to small businesses in the city's urban renewal district. Eligible small businesses may qualify for a one-time \$2,000 grant. Businesses wishing to apply may pick up an application from a rack outside the door of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce. The application period runs April 17th to April 23rd. All applicants will be qualified and drawn from a lottery-style drawing and notified by Friday, April 24
- 23. Polk County Board of Commissioners adopted a plan to waive annual restaurant license fees for 2021 as a means of alleviating COVID-19's impact on the hospitality industry. The price of restaurant licenses is determined by the number of seats: for a food truck, the fee is about \$300, whereas restaurants with interior dining rooms the fee typically ranges, from \$500 to just over \$700.
- 24. Portland had \$190k for grants (including \$50,000 in private funds) in their <u>Jade District-Old Town COVID-19 Small Business Response Fund</u>. Priority was be given to Asian- and Pacific Islander-owned businesses. Application period has closed and grants have been announced.
- 25. Portland dedicated \$1 million to the Portland Small Business Relief Fund to provide grants and zero- interest loans to support Portland small businesses experiencing hardships related to COVID-19. Prosper Portland has \$1.38 million of available funding to offer impacted community businesses through the grant program, and \$1 million of available funding for the loan program. The application period is now closed; Prosper Portland received more than 11,000 grant submissions and more than 3,500 loan applications.
- 26. Seaside approved a nearly \$1 million three-part financial relief package for lodging operators, businesses and residents. Lodging taxes for the first quarter of 2020 will be waived, impacted businesses will receive grants of up to \$4,000 and property owners will see a one-time \$50 credit on water bills.
- 27. Sherwood had a Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program Launched on March 28th, received 119 applications from small businesses in Sherwood totaling nearly \$300,000 in requested grants. Our original allotment was \$100,000, but we doubled it to \$200,000 based upon the need in our community. 94 businesses were approved on April 3rd and checks began to be mailed April 6th to local businesses. Grants were for \$2,125 each.
- 28. South Central Oregon EDD created an Economic Relief Loan Fund provide short-term loans of up to \$10,000 for continued business operations, including rent, payroll, inventory/supplies, utilities, equipment replacement and increasing on-line sales capacity. Businesses must have ten (10) or fewer employees. The loan term is 60 months and the interest rate is 5%.

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- 29. Tigard has \$300,000 in small business assistance through the Tigard CARES

 Program. This business assistance program will provide seed funding to Community
 Development Financial Institutions (CDFI's) to deliver a combination of micro-loans, loans,
 grants and business-advising services. The goal of the program is to leverage the city's
 \$300,000 investment into \$700,000 in assistance to Tigard firms. The city's CDFI partners,
 MESO and Craft3, will primarily assist traditionally underserved and under-banked
 entrepreneurs, including minority and women business owners. This is funded from two
 sources.
- 30. Tualatin has established an <u>Economic Stabilization Fund</u> offering grants up to \$10,000 for small business. Application period closed on March 31st.
- 31. Washington County in partnership with Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO) and funding non-profit Craft3 announced grant and loan programs to help small businesses. The programs will provide \$300,000 in grants and close to \$875,000 in small and medium-sized loans to eligible businesses. Grant and loan applications will be reviewed to prioritize businesses that have historically faced a systemic lack of access to banking resources. Funds from both sources can be used to cover expenses like payroll and benefits, rent or mortgage payments and utilities. Applications closed April 16th.
- 32. Washington County Visitors Association issued a \$560,000 sustainability grant to help the 56 hotels in the community.
- 33. Wilsonville City Council has approved a limited, one-time program of totaling up to \$400,000. The funding sources are as follows: \$200,000 from Urban Renewal Program Income funds and \$200,000 from the City's Transient Lodging Tax ("TLT"). Half of the funding is targeted to hospitality, half small business. The program also includes a gift card program for homeless and laid off people to get take-out from local restaurants
- 34. Yachats is working with Community Lending Works on small business loan program.
- 35. Yamhill County Board of Commissioners approved \$250,000 in emergency grants for local small businesses and organizations that have been impacted by COVID-19 on April 9. The one-time \$2,500 cash grants are designed to help local, small businesses and organizations directly impacted by the mandatory change in service or closure orders. Funds will be allocated and distributed throughout Yamhill County based on population, and recipients will be chosen at random through a lottery system until all 100 grants have been awarded. 34 of the available grants will be awarded to businesses in McMinnville.

Local Jurisdictions in Process

- 1. Coburg [website doesn't indicate a COVID-19 program]
- 2. Gilliam County [website doesn't indicate a COVID-19 program]
- 3. Klamath Falls [website doesn't indicate a COVID-19 program]
- 4. Newport is currently working on a program, more to follow.
- 5. Salem does not have programs officially announced yet, but in partnership with the Mid-Willamette Valley COG, SEDCOR and Willamette Workforce Partnership (WWP), it is seeking additional funds to assist businesses in re-opening. Salem may be able to tap into URA funds.
- 6. Prineville is currently working on a program, more to follow.

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- 7. Tillamook County [website doesn't indicate a COVID-19 program]
- 8. Umatilla County [website doesn't indicate a COVID-19 program]
- 9. West Linn [website doesn't indicate a COVID-19 program]