



# america's hub world tours



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To whom it may concern,

America's Hub World Tours is providing a written testimony as a recipient of a \$10,000 Travel Oregon Covid 19 Emergency Response Grant awarded our company June, 2020. This grant is extremely important for small businesses like ours and others that are in need of this assistance to be able to wait out the Pandemic shut down until we are able to continue our business during the start up phase. There are many costs associated after a shut down like, wages, insurance, labor, marketing, additional Covid 19 awareness training, and many other cost unmentioned. Without having any revenue for the past 4+ months and drained funds due to the shut down, many companies are not able to resurface after this much time and that effects the overall security of tourism revenue in our State.

As partners with Travel Oregon and other DMO'S in the State, we collaborate and support oversee and domestic promotions for Oregon in many ways such as, accompany DMO's during trade shows and FAM Tours, provide products to promote Oregon, host many potential travel promoters of Oregon and much more. Without this collaboration with numerous tourism partners, it limits the potential for tourism to continue to grow in Oregon supporting all communities with additional revenue and economic growth.

In the State of Oregon tourism supports over 100,000 tourism related jobs. Travel & Tourism is currently one of the top economic drivers for the State. Our company alone runs multiple tours daily, year round throughout the State.

As a minority owned business we could not continue without this additional support and Grant dollars and we are extremely appreciative of this considerations for others in the same situation.

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