

**California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA)
California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program**

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| Description | <p>The California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program provides micro grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to eligible small businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19 and the related health and safety restrictions.</p> <p>Applications and disbursement are being handled by Lendistry, a technology partner that has been designated by the state to host and manage the portal for the Program’s grant application and to disburse grant funds.</p> |
| Timeline | <p>Application Opens: December 30, 2020 Round 1 Deadline: January 8, 2021 Round 2 Deadline: TBD</p> |
| Eligible Applicants | <p>Small businesses and small nonprofits meeting the following definitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small business: Sole proprietor, independent contractor, 1099 work, and or registered “for-profit” business entity (e.g., C-corporation, S-corporation, limited liability company, partnership) that has yearly gross revenue of \$2.5 million or less (but at least \$1,000 in yearly gross revenue) based on most recently filed tax return • Small nonprofit: Registered 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) nonprofit entity having yearly gross revenue of \$2.5 million or less (but at least \$1,000 in yearly gross revenue) based on most recently filed Form 990 |
| Funding Information | <p>Available Funds: \$500 million Statewide Grant amounts based on revenue as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual revenue \$1,000 - \$100,000 → \$5,000 grant • Annual revenue up to \$1 million → \$15,000 grant • Annual revenue up to \$2.5 million → \$25,000 grant |
| Documentation required to apply | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signed application certification form (will be available after applications open) 2. Business financial information - Most recent tax return filed (2019 or 2018) provided in an electronic form for online upload 3. Copy of a government-issued photo ID such as a driver’s license or passport |
| Application Process | <p>Applicants will select a partner organization to apply through, based on the county that the applicant is located in and the applicant’s preferred language.</p> <p>After submitting required documents through the application, the Program will prioritize distribution based on priority key factors, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geographic distribution based on COVID-19 health and safety restrictions following California’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy, county status and the new Regional Stay At Home Order which can be found at https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/ • Industry sectors most impacted by the pandemic • Underserved small business groups served by the State supported network of small business centers (i.e., businesses majority owned and run on a daily basis by women, minorities/persons of color, veterans and businesses located in low-to-moderate income and rural communities) |

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| <p>Eligible Costs</p> | <p>Eligible costs are only those costs incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the health and safety restrictions such as business interruptions or business closures incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The following are the eligible uses of grant funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All employee expenses including payroll costs, health care benefits, paid sick, medical, or family leave, and insurance premiums; • Working capital, overhead (including rent, utilities, mortgage principal and interest payments (excluding mortgage prepayments)), debt payments (principal and interest) incurred before March 1, 2020; • Costs associated with re-opening business operations after being fully or partially closed due to state-mandated COVID-19 health and safety restrictions and business closures; • Costs associated with complying with COVID-19 federal, state or local guidelines for reopening with required safety protocols, including but not limited to equipment, plexiglass barriers, outdoor dining, PPE supplies, testing, and employee training expenses; or • Any other COVID-19 related expenses not already covered through grants, forgivable loans or other relief through federal, state, county or city programs |
| <p>Website</p> | <p>https://careliefgrant.com/</p> |