

MICROENTERPRISE ASSISTANCE (MAP)



Support Our Santee COVID-19 Business Assistance Program

GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The City of Santee has received special Community Development Block Grants (CDBG-CV) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” (CARES Act) for preventing, preparing for, and responding to the Coronavirus. With these funds, the City has created the Microenterprise Assistance Program (MAP) Program to provide grants of up to \$10,000 to eligible small businesses (microenterprises) owned by “low-income” persons, to help them continue to operate and thrive. The City has partnered with the East County Economic Development Corporation (ECEDC) for the administration of this grant program so applications and associated documents will be completed on the ECEDC’s website. Eligible uses of MAP funds include the payment of the commercial rent, lease, or mortgage of the business and utilities (gas, electric and water) for up to four months due to the coronavirus pandemic. MAP funds may also be used for the purchase of equipment and supplies related to the implementation of COVID-19 safety measures pursuant to State and County Public Health guidelines.

As of August 10, 2020, the ECEDC is accepting applications for the MAP program on the ECEDC’s MAP website at: <https://eastcountyedc.org/santeemap/>

ELIGIBILITY

- For-profit, independently owned small business with a physical location in the City of Santee
- 5 or fewer full-time employees as of March 18, 2020
- Business owned by a “low-income” (80% or less AMI) owner(s) according to HUD income guidelines
- Business or owner has not received any Federal CARES Act funding (Examples: PPP, Pandemic Unemployment Insurance, SBA Loans, etc.)
- Current Santee Business License and in operation as of March 18, 2020.

GRANT PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Other non-eligible small businesses include; lending and investment institutions, insurance companies, businesses engaged in illegal activities and business with services/products only available to those over 18 years of age.
2. Applicants will be required to self-certify that they have not, and will not, receive federal CARES Act funding from any other source.
3. Able to demonstrate that the business has experienced a measurable loss of revenue due to coronavirus-related closures and/or government issued health orders as documented through weekly or monthly sales or income documentation.
4. Maximum grant amount is \$10,000. Grant amount is dependent upon the demonstrated costs of monthly commercial lease, rent, or mortgage, utilities or COVID-19 related safety supplies and these losses/costs were the result of coronavirus related closures and/or government issued health orders.
5. Business must have been in operation since September 18, 2019, or six-months prior to when the City of Santee declared a “Local Emergency”.

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITURES

- MAP funds may be used to pay the commercial rent, lease, mortgage and utilities (gas, electric and water) costs of the applicant business for up to four months due to the coronavirus pandemic. Assisted businesses will be required to submit a W-9 form from the vendor to paid (e.g., utility company, landlord, bank).
- Grant funds may also be used for the purchase of equipment and supplies related to the implementation of COVID-19 safety measures pursuant (e.g. plexiglass, hand sanitizing stations, barriers, personal protection equipment for employees) to State and County Public Health guidelines.
- Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and supplies to protect employee and public health, including cleaners and disinfectants to sanitize the business environment for workers and business patrons.
- Equipping of customer entrances and exits, checkout stations, and customer changing rooms with proper sanitation products, including hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes, and provide personal hand sanitizers to all frontline staff (e.g., cashiers).

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