

Canton Cares Small Business Grant Program for COVID-19 Emergency Relief

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- **What is the Canton Cares Small Business Grant Program?**

The Canton Cares Small Business Grant Program for COVID-19 Emergency Relief is funded by \$200,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds received by the City of Canton, which are being used to help provide financial support to small businesses within the City of Canton to assist them in responding to the COVID-10 pandemic.

- **What businesses are eligible for a grant?**

Businesses located within the City of Canton with 25 or less Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees and which have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to businesses that demonstrate a record of successful business operations with the potential for continuing viability.

- **What size grant is available?**

Applicants may request a grant in an amount up to \$5,000. Because CDBG regulations apply, a successful applicant will be asked to retain at least one low to moderate income employee.

- **How do small businesses apply for these grants?**

Applications will be available online at www.cantonohio.gov starting Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 8:00AM thru Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 8:00PM.

- **How will organizations be selected to receive a grant and when will they be notified?**

Applications will be processed and scored by the Economic and Community Development Institute, Inc. (ECDI), a subcontractor of the City of Canton for purposes of administering this program. Grants will be awarded based on eligibility and relative scoring. The City of Canton Office of Community Development will announce the award of grant funds on Monday, June 8, 2020 and will distribute the grant funds beginning Monday, June 8, 2020, pending receipt of all signed documentation.

- **What is the deadline to apply?**

The City of Canton will continue to accept applications until all funds have been exhausted. Please check www.cantonohio.gov for updates.

Questions about the Canton Cares Grant Program? Email us at smallbusiness@cantonohio.gov



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