

Canton CARES Small Business Grant Program

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

The Canton CARES Small Business Grant Program is a collaborative effort between the city of Canton and the Economic and Community Development Institute, Inc. (ECDI), to help provide financial support to small businesses within Canton city limits, and to expedite and facilitate funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

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

Businesses located within Canton city limits with 25 or less FTE* employees and have been affected by COVID-19 are eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$10,000. Priority will be given to companies that demonstrate viability to continue growing through 2021. The goal is to support thriving small businesses!

- **If my business was awarded a grant from the first round, am I able to apply for this program?**

Yes. If your business received funding during the first round of the Canton CARES Small Business Grant Program it is eligible to receive additional funding.

- **What size grant is available?**

All businesses selected for award will be eligible for a grant of up to \$10,000. The applicant will be asked to briefly describe how the money will be utilized. This information will be taken into consideration by the grant evaluation team.

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

Starting September 28, 2020 at 8:00 A.M., local small businesses can apply online at www.cantonohio.gov.

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

An evaluation team will review applications beginning October 5, 2020. Businesses will be notified by the end of the following week if they have been selected to receive a grant.

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

The application period will be from Monday, September 28 at 8:00 AM through Wednesday, September 30 at 8:00 PM.

**FTE – Small Businesses with 25 or less Full Time Equivalent employees are eligible for consideration.*

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



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