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Emergency Assistance Grants Available to McMinnville Businesses
The City of McMinnville and Business Oregon Announce New Small Business
Recovery Opportunity

(MCMINNVILLE, OR)- Support for McMinnville businesses impacted by COVID-19 is available. This funding is made possible thanks to generous grants from Business Oregon and matchings funds from the City of McMinnville.

Applications will be available to McMinnville based businesses with up to 25 employees. The amount of the grant will be dependent upon the number of employees and fixed operating expenses. Grant amounts will range from \$2,500 to \$25,000. Applications will be available at www.MACbusinessassistance.com starting on Wednesday, August 19, and physical paper copies of the applications will be available at two locations starting on Wednesday, August 19 as well:

McMinnville Public Library

225 NE Adams Street, McMinnville, OR 97128
Open Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 12:00-5:00PM

Community Development Center

231 NE Fifth Street, McMinnville, OR 97128
Open Monday-Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM

Eligible businesses must:

- Be located inside the city limits of McMinnville, Oregon,
- Have 25 or fewer employees,
- Have been adversely affected by [Executive Order 20-12](#) with a one-month decline in sales greater than 50% during one of the following months: March, April, May, June, July, August 2020.

Applications will be accepted online or in person between August 31 – September 4, 2020. Awards will be disbursed on September 25. Applications can be emailed to MACbusinessassistance@mcminnvilleoregon.gov, or dropped off or mailed to:

Community Development Center

Attn: Sean Kelso/ Emergency Business Assistance Grant
231 NE Fifth Street, McMinnville OR 97128
Open Monday-Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM

Applications must have a post date between August 31-September 4, 2020.

Applicants who have questions regarding the application process are encouraged to reach out to Sean Kelso, Permit Technician, with the City of McMinnville at Sean.Kelso@mcminvilleoregon.gov or 503-434-7311.

“Small businesses are a vibrant part of our city, and we should support them in any way that we can,” said Scott Cooper, the Executive Director of the McMinnville Economic Development Partnership (MEDP) “The funding provided through this program is essential to help sustain our local economy, and to help locally owned companies maintain operations during this pandemic. This grant opportunity is just one example of the power of collaboration within our community, and we look forward to working with our economic vitality partners to continue to support McMinnville businesses.”

Economic development activities in McMinnville are managed through a collaboration of five organizations serving the business community, locally known as McMinnville’s “Stable Table”. This group is comprised of the City of McMinnville, McMinnville Economic Development Partnership, McMinnville Chamber of Commerce, Visit McMinnville, and McMinnville Downtown Association.

In addition, the City of McMinnville recently formed the McMinnville Economic Vitality Leadership Council to help serve McMinnville’s business community. This council is composed of local business and community leaders and appointed by the City of McMinnville to serve terms of four years in this role. The council is deliberately made up of two representatives from the stable table collaboration, a representative from the McMinnville School District, a representative from the local utility company, McMinnville Water and Light, and three members-at-large. This council will meet to review and approve grant awards for distribution with the support of the key staff from each stable table organization described above. Grant awards will be decided on September 21, 2020 and disbursed on September 25, 2020.

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