

While the economic decline caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has affected nearly every industry in the County, I recognize the disproportionate impact revenue loss has had on small businesses. As such, I am pleased to announce that the District One Small Business Grant (DOSBG) Program will provide a one-time grant of \$5,000 to eligible independently or locally owned businesses in Fremont, Dublin, Livermore and Unincorporated East County. As a grant, repayment for the funds will not be required, and priority will be given to restaurants and small retail businesses.

DOSBG's will be awarded to eligible, qualified small businesses based on the availability of funds, program guidelines, and the submission of all required information and supporting documentation. East County Wineries producing less than 16,000 barrels annually are encouraged to apply!

The DOSGB Program will award grants to qualified businesses in District One:

- Fremont (50) Businesses
- Dublin (40) Businesses
- Livermore (50) Businesses
- East Unincorporated County (35) Businesses

## Eligibility Requirements and Restrictions

Eligible businesses must be independently or locally owned, have a physical location in Fremont, Dublin, Livermore or Unincorporated East County, California. Businesses are eligible as follows:

- Minimum 1 employee with a maximum of 50 employees.
- Must demonstrate at least a 25% reduction in revenues due to COVID-19.

Businesses **not** eligible to receive a DOSBG include, but are not limited to: lending and investment institutions and insurance companies, non-profit entities, hotels, professional services (such as accountants, architects, engineering services, healthcare professionals, lawyers, etc.) home-based businesses, retail chain stores, franchises that are corporately-owned, businesses profiting more than \$3 million a year and any business with a tradable stock portfolio on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

\*Independently Owned Insurance Companies may apply.

## Use of Grant Money

Funds must be used to cover rent, payroll, operating expenses or working capital.

## **Application and Review Process**

To expedite the issuance of funding, the online application process will be as streamlined as possible. Please email Shawn Wilson at <a href="mailto:Shawn.Wilson@acgov.org">Shawn.Wilson@acgov.org</a> to request the DOSBG Application Form. Applications will only be accepted through email to: <a href="mailto:bosdist1@acgov.org">bosdist1@acgov.org</a>. PLEASE INCLUDE "DOSBG" IN SUBJECT LINE.

We will begin accepting applications on **Monday, May 25, 2020** at 8:00 A.M. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis and will be accepted on a rolling basis until either all available funds have been awarded or by **June 30, 2020**.

My office will review and process applications as quickly as possible, and will notify applicants of the status of their application via e-mail within 5 business days.

## Questions

If you have additional questions regarding the DOSBG Program or the application process, please contact Shawn Wilson at 925-551-6995 or by email at <a href="mailto:Shawn.Wilson@acgov.org">Shawn.Wilson@acgov.org</a>.