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Small businesses receive $2.4 million CARES Act Grants, Flagler County awaits additional resources for distribution

August 13, 2020 – Small businesses in Flagler County impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic have to date received $2.4 million CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act federal stimulus monies, and officials anxiously await the remainder of the funds allocated by the State of Florida.

“As of Monday, all of the funds that we were initially provided to support our small businesses have been exhausted,” said Tourism Director Amy Lukasik. “We want businesses to continue to apply for grants so that everything is in place when we get additional monies. We want to be able to continue to pump that money into the economy as quickly as possible.”

This portion of the CARES program allows small businesses to access grant money to help cover business expenses, including employee wages, mortgage, rent, vendor invoices, utility bills, payroll and other costs to offset the financial impact due to business interruption or closures as a result of COVID-19.

Qualified small businesses that were negatively impacted by COVID-19 are eligible for funding at the following levels:

- Tier I: No Employees on Payroll – $3,000
- Tier II: Businesses with 2-12 Full Time Equivalent Employees – $7,500
- Tier III: Businesses with 13-25 Full Time Equivalent Employees – $15,000
- Tier IV: Businesses with 26-50 Full Time Equivalent Employees – $35,000
- Tier V: Businesses with 51-100 Full Time Equivalent Employees – $50,000

The grant is targeted specifically to help local small businesses with its principal location in Flagler County, established before March 1, 2020. All applicants will be required to affirm and upload relevant business documents to be considered for the program.

Applications are processed in batches, and checks are cut and distributed once a week.

“If you have applied, but have not been notified that a check is ready – or that your business has been denied – you are in queue,” Lukasik said. “We are just waiting for more funds to be made available for distribution.”
Small business applicants must attest:
- Businesses must be physically located in Flagler County.
- Are registered with the Florida Division of Corporations, hold a Florida Occupational License if applicable and held a County and/or City BTR prior to March 1, 2020 and have a total of 100 employees or less, including owners.

501(c)(3) applicants must attest:
- Physically located in Flagler County
- Received Florida Consumer Certificate of Exemption prior to March 1, 2020.
- Currently hold an annual lease agreement prior to March 1, 2020 or a mortgage statement or deed.

For required documentation and additional information, go to www.flaglercounty.org.