

Small Business Assistance Grant Program

Important Status Update –January 28, 2021

On December 15, 2020, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors authorized \$10 million for the Small Business Assistance Grant program. This program provides grants of up to \$25,000 for small businesses and community service organizations within San Joaquin County who have been financially harmed by the COVID pandemic and have up to 100 full-time employees.

The program launched on December 28, 2020 with an application submission deadline of January 31, 2021. Grants are being awarded on a first-come, first-served basis for as long as funding is available.

As of January 21, 2021, the County has received nearly 1,000 applications, with more applications being received daily. The total cost of funding all applications received to date would be approximately \$20 million, which is double the available funding. Once the original \$10 million has been granted to those who qualify on a first-come, first-served basis, the County will hold the remaining applications pending additional funding.

With the new Federal Administration proposing a new stimulus packet, additional funding may become available. Currently, there are no additional grants to support the remaining requests.

Please note: due to the overwhelming number of applications received, it may take County staff 3-4 weeks to contact individual applicants regarding their application.

Applicants who receive the automated email response should be assured the County is in receipt of their application, and they can expect to be contacted if any additional documentation is required for their submission. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we are processing thousands of applications for these critical funds for County businesses.