

MEDC Survival Grant

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation has announced another round of grants for small businesses. The \$55,000,000 program seeks to address those entities most impacted by the mask orders. NLEA working with Target Alpena will be administering the program for Cheboygan County as it did with two similar programs in 2020. **The application window will open Tuesday January 19 at 9am and will close Friday January 22, 2021 at 12:00pm (noon).** The application for a grant, and further information, can be found at www.michiganbusiness.org/survival

The program will provide grants up \$20,000 if your business is completely shut down or \$15,000 if you are partially open and operating.

A few more details below:

Eligibility centers on businesses that can demonstrate financial impact from the mask orders. The orders have particularly impacted the following types of businesses which is why this program is largely focused on the following:

- Restaurant, bars and other food and beverage service providers
- Movie theaters
- Ice skating rinks
- Indoor waterparks
- Bowling centers
- Gyms and fitness centers
- Live event venues that are not eligible for the Michigan Stages Survival Grant as defined in SB748 Section 401 (see below)
- Any other industry/businesses that can demonstrate financial impact from the mask order

A second program directed at entertainment and live music venues has also been announced by the MEDC. Details regarding this program can be found at www.michiganbusiness.org/stages . **The application window for this program will open Thursday January 21 at 9am and close 12:00pm (noon) on January 28, 2021.**