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Mayor Jenny Durkan Announces Initial 250 Grantees of the Small Business Stabilization Fund, Calls on Private Sector and Philanthropy to Help Support Future Grants

Office of Economic Development Received Nearly 9,000 Applications for the Fund; Comcast Donates \$50,000 to Support Next Round of Small Business Stabilization Fund

SEATTLE (April 13, 2020) – Mayor Jenny A. Durkan announced the initial 250 grantees of the City's \$2.5 million Small Business Stabilization Fund. The fund provides \$10,000 grants to small businesses financially impacted by COVID-19. Nearly 9,000 small businesses applied for the first round of the City's Small Business Stabilization Fund, demonstrating that the need goes far beyond what the City can provide without further support from the private sector, philanthropic partners and economic relief from the federal government. With loans and grants available at the state and federal level, OED has also [created a comprehensive resource page](#) for workers and small businesses impacted by COVID-19 and is providing technical assistance to support our small businesses.

Cities across the country, including San Francisco, Atlanta, and New York City, have reached out to learn more about the Stabilization Fund and try to replicate this model in their own communities. On April 1, Mayor Durkan signed into law her legislation to ensure the City of Seattle can accept donations, including for initiatives like supporting small businesses through stabilization funding and for families via food vouchers.

Comcast has donated \$50,000 to address the urgent need for future rounds of the Stabilization Fund. This investment will help ensure the Office of Economic Development (OED) can continue providing direct capital assistance to small business owners struggling to support their employees and stay open during the COVID-19 pandemic. Interested individuals and organizations can donate to the Stabilization Fund by emailing covidpledge@seattle.gov.

“At the City, we’re doing everything we can locally to support our small businesses and workers during this unprecedented moment in history. Working together in the early days of this crisis, we quickly created this \$2.5 million Small Business Stabilization Fund, which has become a model for cities across our country. With nearly 9,000 small businesses applying to the first round of the Stabilization Fund, it’s clear that the need far outweighs what the City can provide to our small businesses,” said Mayor Durkan. “I am grateful to Comcast for their commitment to help fund further rounds of the Stabilization Fund and support the small businesses that make Seattle the best city in the country. I urge all those who are able to support future rounds of this fund, and also support our small businesses by ordering pickup, delivery, or shopping online during this unprecedented time. While we to do everything we can at the City level to support small businesses, I will continue to advocate at the state and federal level to ensure our region receives the economic relief we need, both now and as we recover.”

The \$2.5 million expanded Small Business Stabilization Fund is funded by federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). The federal government requires eligible CDBG small business awardees to have five employees or less and for the business owner to be at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income. In addition, the Mayor directed OED to focus outreach on historically underserved small businesses, and nearly 80 percent of the 250 grantees identify as small business owners of color. After screening for eligibility, businesses were categorized as being from high or low-

displacement areas of the City, and then awardees from each displacement category were selected by lottery. Weighting the investments towards high-displacement risk areas allowed the City to target businesses that are more likely to experience economic shocks. OED received around 80 applications when the department launched the first Stabilization Fund back in January 2020.

“The city’s initial investment in the Small Business Stabilization Fund is being used by micro-businesses to support their employees and to ensure they can stay in business during this crisis. We hope these grants give Seattle’s small businesses a lifeline, so they can re-open quickly once the immediate crisis is over and be part of the city’s recovery,” said Councilmember [Andrew J. Lewis](#), and member of the Small Business Recovery Task Force.

“The city’s grants to micro-businesses will help buffer the crisis, but the city must do more to ensure local businesses can remain in their storefronts and are not pushed out during this crisis. When we keep local businesses in place, it means we can keep dollars and jobs in the local economy, which in turn builds community wealth,” said Councilmember [Tammy J. Morales](#), a member of the Small Business Recovery Task Force. “I want to thank the Office of Economic Development for moving quickly to distribute these grants, and am hopeful the next round of grants, including those provided by our private partners, will focus on micro-businesses owned by minorities and immigrants and refugees.”

“Villa Escondida is a family-owned restaurant, and we are proud to support our local community and economy here in Belltown,” said Jose Perez, Owner of Villa Escondida. “Our small business was hit hard when many downtown workers began to work from home. This grant from the City will help us keep our staff on payroll and will help us increase our marketing to get more takeout and delivery orders.”

“I am incredibly proud of my OED team, including those from other departments who lent their time and energy towards this effort. What normally takes months, sometimes years, to develop and perfect, our team dedicated themselves to complete in a matter of weeks. This dedication comes from a sense of community and solidarity with business owners who are working people just like us. Though our funds were limited, we saw firsthand the kind of impact these grants can make - from being able to pay staff to simply keeping families afloat who relied on their business for household income. This would not have been possible without the small business development team who boldly paved the way towards a new way of thinking about how we support our communities,” said OED Small Business Development director Pedro Gomez.

“We recognize the important role that small businesses play in our economy and our community. Now more than ever they need our support and we are pleased to do our part,” said Rodrigo Lopez, Regional Senior Vice President of the Comcast Washington region. “We also know that internet service is essential and are working hard every day to ensure that our network is helping both businesses and residents across of our community keep connected.”

The City also recently launched the [#SupportSeattleSmallBiz map](#), which helps residents find small businesses providing takeout or delivery in their neighborhood. The map allows users to search for open small businesses in their neighborhood and navigate directly to a business’ website or third-party delivery service page. As of April 8, 1,198 small businesses are included in the map, which has been viewed 185,000 times. If you’re a business owner interested in adding your information to the #SupportSeattleSmallBiz map, please contact the City at supportsmallbiz@seattle.gov.

Mayor Durkan and the City of Seattle have worked to implement a series of actions that support artists, nonprofits, small businesses, and workers, including:

- [Deferring utility payments](#) for customers impacted by COVID-19;
- Implementing a [temporary moratorium](#) on residential, small business, and nonprofit evictions to provide relief for working people financially impacted by COVID-19;
- [Creating temporary restaurant loading zones](#) to facilitate curbside pickup at restaurants;
- Announcing a [small business relief package](#) that included deferred business taxes and [a stabilization fund](#);
- Creating a new [Arts Recovery Package](#) to provide immediate financial relief to artists and cultural organizations that have been impacted by COVID-19;
- Providing [6,250 Seattle families](#) with \$800 in grocery vouchers;

- Providing [rent relief](#) to tenants of City-owned facilities; and
- Partnering with United Way of King County and King County to invest \$5 million in rental assistance to help families stay in their homes.

The full list of grantees for the initial round of the Small Business Stabilization Fund are listed below:

30 Minute Hit	Dante's Inferno Dogs	Lashes a la Mode	Roq La Rue Gallery
A DJ and a Cook	Dao's Kitchen	Lily's Salvadorean Catering	Rose's & Siga African Hair Braiding
AAMCO Transmissions of Seattle	DeliNoMore	Lisa Tsujikawa Noji Inc	S&S 23 Beauty salon
Abdul Gafoor's Halal Meat & Deli	Delish Ethiopian Cuisine	Lou Henry Hoover	S/T Hooligans
Ace Barbershop	Detour Espresso	LT Design	Sabando Design
Acme Barbershop	Dim Sum House Inc	Lucke By Keisha	Sabor Delicioso
Adarash Market	Diva Nails	Lucky Chinese Restaurant	Safari Njema Restaraunt
Addis Market	Dong Thap Noodles	Luna Azul	Salon 206
Al Shukri Bakery	East African Grocery	Luso Food & Wine	Salon Adidez LLC
All in the Cut Barbershop	El Parche Colombiano Restaurant	Madison Avenue Salon	Salon Filament
Alyssa McCowan, Barber	Emazing Photography	Magus Books	Salon Nouveau
Ambakity Cocina Mexicana	Emma's BBQ	Mala & Satay	SD Computer Repair Inc
Amina Family Childcare	EriStar Building Maintenance LLC	Maleda Grocery & Deli	Seattle Tailor
Amy's Merkato	Ernesto Ybarra Original Art	Mama Luna LLC	SELEUŠS Chocolates
An Nam Pho	F Rock Clothing	Market Magic & Novelty Inc	Sell Phone Store
Andro Barbershop	Fade Master	Marrakesh Moroccan Restaurant of Seattle	Serenity Housekeeping LLC
Arcaro Boxing Gym	Fancy	Massive Monkees Studio: The Beacon	Seward Park Market
Ascend Nail Lounge	Fine Tuning	McComb Sound	Shear Finesse Barbershop
Asian Star	Frank's Barber and Beauty Salon	Meskel Ethiopian Restaurant	Simply Soulful
Asian Street Food	French Mornings Preschool	Milan Hair & Spa	Sirena AGLW LLC
Athena's Food Truck	Full Tilt Columbia City	Mimi's Bakery & Flower	Slice Box Pizzas
Athina Grill	Geni's Ethiopian Corner	Mjod Enterprises	SoleMates
Atlantis Studio & Gallery	Girls Gone BBQ	Modern Japanese Cuisine	Somtam Thai
Baja Tacos and Beer	Golden Daisy Restaurant	Moe Vegan	St Andrews Bar & Grill
Baltimore Barbershop	Golden Nails & Spa	MoMo's Kebab	Studio Stu
Bamboo Thai Cuisine	Greenfire Products	Moonlit Beauty and Wellness	SugarPill
Bambu Desserts and Drinks	Gyro's Place	Moxie Beauty Boutique	Sunset Café & Deli
Bananas Grill	Hairapy by Natalia	Mr. Lu Seafood & Burger	Swift Hair Removal
Basil Viet Kitchen	Haircare by Asyah	Mystic Kombucha	T. Brooks Quality Cuts
Beacon Hill Drycleaners	Hamdi Home Daycare	Najla Family Child Care	Tan Dinh Deli
BeanFish	HardWok Cafe	Nam Phuong Book Store	Tango Enterprises Inc.
Belltown Romios Pizza & Pasta	Hare Salon	Nepantla Cultural Arts Gallery	Taqueria El Rincon Express
Big Tuna	Hawaii General Store & Travel	Neptune Furniture	Taqueria Tehuacan
Bilal Mini Market	Hella Happy	New Century Tea Gallery	Teriyaki & Wok
Bissell Barber	Hello Bicycle	NextLevel Personal Training Studio	Teriyaki Plus
Blue Heron Cafe	Hi B3ar	Northwest Wushu Academy	Teriyaki Time

Blue Nile Restaurant	Hill's Barbershop	Oaktree Teriyaki	Thai Curry Simple
Bodytonic Pilates	Hive BE Salon	Old Habits Barbershop	Thai Star
Boru Childcare	Hoang Lan	Olympia II Pizza and Spaghetti House	Thai Taste
Broadway Nails	Holy Cow Records	O'Malley Photographers	Thanh Thanh Cafe
By's Drive In	Hood Famous Café & Bar	Othello Station Pharmacy	That Brown Girl Cooks!
BZ Port Trucking	Hue Ky Mi Gia I Corp	Palacia Chamberlain Lee Salon	The Postman
Cafe Avole	Image Corporation	Pam's Kitchen	The Station Coffee Shop
Cafe Banh Mi	Intermezzo Salon & Spa	Pasta Joe's	The Uncommon Cottage
Cafe Ibex	International Examiner	Peter Pan Auto Glass	Thien Phat Restaurant
Cafe Opla	International Model Toys	Pho Ba	Time Bistro
Café Racer	Iris Cutler LLC	Pho Hai Yen	Timothy De Clue Collection
Cafe Red	Ironsteak	Pho Hanoi Restaurant	Town Electric, Plumbing & Heating LLC
Cafe Soleil	J Styles Barbershop	Pioneer Square D&E	Trevino Beauty Collaborative
Canton Noodle House	Jalanne Family Childcare	Platinum Cuts and Salon	TTTI Services
CDFD Childcare	Jana Designs	Platinum Plush Fashions	U DupBop
Central Barber Shop	Jasmine Thai Restaurant	Poke Plus	VAM Studios, LLC
CHATIME	JoJo Hair Salon	Poke Square	Van Karma
Che Dessert Lounge	Joseph's Elite Image	Print Fusion	Villa Escondida Mexican Restaurant
Chuan BBQ	Jose's Taqueria	Publishing Desk LLC	Warren Moy Motorsports, Inc.
Citra	Julie's Garden Restaurant	Rachel Huss Hair	We Free Hearts LLC
Classy Beauty School			

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