

NONPROFIT SUSTAINABILITY FUND

Cash Grants for Nonprofits Suffering Loss due to COVID 19

Waynesboro nonprofit organizations contribute immeasurably to the health and vitality of the community. From arts and culture to human services, nonprofits enrich our lives with amenities that might not otherwise be available. However, the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak has caused widespread disruption to viability of these organizations or added additional demand for critical services.

FUNDING SOURCE

The U.S. Treasury guidance allows states to use Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) dollars for expenditures “related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closure.” The Commonwealth of Virginia has elected to disperse a portion of its allocation to local governments. The Waynesboro City Council has elected to use part of the City’s allocation to help preserve small business in Waynesboro by providing grants to eligible nonprofit organizations. The **WAYNESBORO NONPROFIT SUSTAINABILITY FUND** will provide up to \$10,000 cash grants to qualifying organizations for eligible expenditures.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any nonprofit Waynesboro based organization that meets the following eligibility criteria:

- Has suffered a qualified business interruption due to COVID-19
- Has a physical location within the corporate limits of Waynesboro
- Is a ‘nonprofit organization’ as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code
- Did not receive and have not been awarded reimbursement under any other federal program for the expenses that will be reimbursed by this grant
- Did not receive compensation from an insurance company for the covered business interruption due to COVID-19 or received less than \$10,000 in insurance compensation

WHAT IS A QUALIFIED BUSINESS INTERRUPTION?

The organization must have suffered business interruption due to COVID-19 required closures or experienced an increase in caseload precipitated by COVID-19 related economic stress or a response to the public health crisis, which may include but is not limited to:

- Suspended operations in response the Governor's Executive Orders for public health emergency
- Increased costs related to COVID-19 prevention measures
- Increased cost because of local economic injury to client individuals and households
- Disrupted supply network leading to shortage of critical inventory or materials

WHAT ARE ELIGIBLE USES OF THE GRANT?

Grant funds may be used to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures which may include:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Other equipment and supplies to promote health and safety
- Technology to facilitate virtual business operations
- Professional services related to the design and construction/alteration of the built environment necessary to promote physical and social distancing, as well as the actual costs for alterations
- Initial cleaning and disinfection services prior to reopening
- Actual expenses related to cancelled events
- Rent or mortgage costs
- Utilities (Gas, Electric, Communication)
- Funds must be expended in compliance with state and federal law

WHAT IS INELIGIBLE?

- Compensation for lost revenue
- Expenditures contained in the City of Waynesboro's Budget on March 27, 2020
- Any expenditure that has been or will be reimbursed by other Federal loans or grants or insurance proceeds

HOW DO I APPLY?

The application form will be available on August 17, 2020 at www.waynesborobusiness.com/recovery/. The deadline for submission is 9 am August 31, 2020. Grantees will be notified by noon on September 9, 2020 with disbursements beginning as soon as practical. All applications and required attachments must be done electronically.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Waynesboro Office of Economic Development and Tourism

www.WaynesboroBusiness.com; staff@WaynesboroBusiness.com; 540-942-6779