

LeeCARES Small Business Relaunch Grant Program Overview

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Lee County Government is investing \$57.5 million in Human & Business Services to provide immediate assistance for individuals, families and businesses. Funds are available through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act federal stimulus package.

Lee County has identified \$25 million in emergency financial support that is available to qualified businesses through the **Lee CARES Small Business Relaunch Program**, which is intended to help offset the unintended costs of reopening or relaunching a small business as a result of being directly affected by Governor DeSantis' Safer at Home Act.

The program's highlights include:

- \$5,000 relaunch grants to qualifying small businesses and 501(c)(3) not-for-profits physically located within Lee County.
- Expenses covered include inventory, re-opening sanitation and safety supplies, signage, insurance premiums, marketing, outdoor seating, etc.
- Funds can only be used to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures that are not covered by insurance or another federal program.
- A business is only eligible for one Relaunch grant per business.
- Grants do not have to be repaid.

Eligibility:

- 1 to 25 full-time employees, or equivalent part-time employees, including the owner as shown on [IRS FORM 941](#).
- Restaurants, bars and other non-essential businesses impacted by the state Safer at Home Act are eligible.
- Business owners must be Lee County residents.
- Ineligible businesses include larger businesses (those with more than 25 employees as of March 1, 2020) and home-based businesses.

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