**CARES ACT GRANTS AVAILABLE TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS**

**AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN WRIGHT COUNTY**

**PRESS RELEASE-Wright County, August 28th, 2020**-Wright County Economic Development Partnership (WCEDP) is administering a grant program on behalf of the Wright County Board of Commissioners for businesses and non-profits that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Qualifiable entities will be those that can demonstrate business losses as a result of COVID-19, are physically located in Wright County, have 50 or less employees, have active status with the Minnesota Secretary of State and are in good standing with Wright County property taxes.

The CARES pandemic relief grant applicants may request up to $20,000 in grant assistance based on need. Grant applications will be considered and acted upon by the WCEDP and the Wright County Board.

The CARES pandemic relief grant application process will be open from September 10th through October 8th, 2020.

All applications will need to be completed online.

Go to [www.wrightpartnership.org](http://www.wrightpartnership.org) for link to apply between September 10th and October 8th.

*ABOUT US: Wright County Economic Development Partnership’s Mission is to create a healthy and diverse environment for existing, expanding, and new businesses – which in turn creates employment opportunities and enhances the overall economic vitality of the region thereby benefitting the businesses, communities and citizens of Wright County. WCEDP fulfills its mission by providing technical and financial assistance to businesses in Wright County and those looking to locate here. The Partnership also provides economic development assistance to the 16 communities and the 18 townships within the county. WCEDP is a non-profit corporation financially supported by local community governments, the county, and area businesses dedicated to supporting and creating a sustainable economic profile in Wright County.*

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