

MINUTES

JULY 9, 2020

INTRODUCTIONS

MINUTES APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT - -- [KC Williams, Treasurer – Yellowstone County DES Director]

Reported quarterly: March, June, September, and December.

	OPENING BALANCE	DEBITS	CREDITS	ENDING BALANCE	
				\$26,698.00	

SPECIAL REPORT: COVID-19 UPDATE BY JOHN FELTON, Yellowstone County Health Officer and RiverStone Health President & CEO.		
	<p>Yellowstone County added 46 new COVID-19 cases Thursday morning, bringing its total number of active cases to 235, the most of any county in the state. To date, Yellowstone County has had 377 total cases.</p> <p>Wednesday the county announced a total of 45 residents and 21 employees have tested positive for COVID-19 at the facility, which specializes in treatment of seniors with Alzheimer's, dementia and other cognitive issues. Two of the residents had been hospitalized, RiverStone said earlier this week.</p> <p>The outbreak at Canyon Creek Memory Care in Billings has led to three deaths since Monday. With the passing of these residents, we are reminded that our most vulnerable community members — elderly, immunocompromised, and those with chronic conditions — are especially at risk, and we must continue to take measures to protect them from this disease.”</p> <p>He reported that there are 645 active cases with 24 hospitalizations. Contact tracing continues. The good news is at this time, we are not seeing large numbers of hospitalizations of those testing positive.</p>	
	<p>The question was asked. Why all the Cases?</p> <p>Phase I went into effect May 15. People were cautious when venturing out and many were returning to work.</p> <p>When Phase II went into effect on June 1 it appears that individuals became more casual about social distancing, hand washing, mask wearing while out in public. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure, which is one reason why the number of cases increased.</p>	
	<p>Chuck Bikle noted that the Spanish Flu pandemic lasted 2-years and people then adapted and adopted new behaviors in an effort to reduce the death toll.</p>	
	<p>Wash your hands often</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wash your hands</u> often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. • If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. • Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. <p>Avoid close contact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put 6 feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus. ○ <u>Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.</u> ○ Keeping distance from others is especially important for <u>people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.</u> <p>Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick. ● The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected. ● Everyone should wear a <u>cloth face cover</u> in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other <u>social distancing</u> measures are difficult to maintain. <p>Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or <u>other symptoms of COVID-19</u> and stay home if you are sick.</p>	
	<p>RiverStone Health will provide a second free drive-thru COVID-19 testing event at MetraPark on Saturday, from 9 a.m. until noon, unless available tests run out before noon. People with symptoms and without symptoms will be tested. A doctor's order is not necessary to participate.</p> <p>Those who plan to get tested can speed up the process by printing and filling out the consent form to hand in at the event. The consent form and other information is available online at: https://riverstonehealth.org/public-health-preventing-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus/free-drive-thru-covid-19-testing-july-2020.</p> <p>Call the RiverStone Health public health information line at 406-651-6415 for more information about the testing event.</p>	
COMMITTEE REPORTS		
EXERCISE DESIGN: CHARLIE HANSON		
	No report.	
OTHER EXERCISES:		
GRANTS: DIANNE LEHM		
	<p>Dianne reported that she is not aware of any new grants.</p> <p>Please look over the Grant resources websites are amended at the end of this report. Some members and their business may benefit from these opportunities as the grant funding includes business stabilization, payroll protection, business safety features and assistance to firefighters.</p>	
CAER / CITIZENS CORP: PAM SANDERSON		
	Pam reported that they did not meet in July.	
	However once they can resume their normal meeting schedule, whether it be in person or virtual, the primary focus will be emergency preparedness / disaster recovery information for business	
HMAG: SHAWN HINES		
	Joe reported that HMAG plans to meet on July 17 th with COVID19 as the primary topic.	
CONFERENCE: JEN STATON		
	Will try again next year.	
CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS: DAN CARTER, CHAIR		
	Joe Marcotte reported that Dan has been helping healthcare PIO's with an upcoming 'Mask Up Montana' educational program.	

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COMMUNICATIONS: JASON MAHONEY		
	Chuck Bikle reported that they have not met recently. Their meeting place is City Brew on Grand and in light of the recent upticks in positive Covid19 cases in Yellowstone County; they decided that holding meetings there would be problematic.	
TRAINING: GREG NEILL		
	Training opportunities are being emailed out as they are received.	
PLANNING: KC WILLIAMS		
	Has not met.	
OLD BUSINESS		
NEW BUSINESS		
OTHER BUSINESS		
	Chuck Bikle reported that during Tuesday's weather event, Ham operators were helping with notifications, etc. and did an excellent job.	
	Blood donations are urgently needed. Call 248-9168 to schedule an appointment.	
LESSONS LEARNED:		
HAZMAT CHEMICAL RELEASE REPORTS: KC WILLIAMS		
	No report.	
AGENCY PRESENTATION: POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.		

The next meeting is August 13, 2020 @ 1:30 p.m.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned: 2:01 p.m. [Bikle / Schlitz]

ATTENDANCE RECORD – JULY 9, 2020

Company	Present	Name	Federally Funded Yes / No	Miles Travelled One-way
		Ellis, Erin	No	5
373 Consulting		Mahoney, Jason		5
Advanced Care Hospital		Copeman, Chuck	No	15
Ag Worker Health / Services		Stephens, Claudia	No	2
Alpha Omega Disaster Restoration		Johnson, Willy		
		Scheetz, Sonya		
Alternatives, Inc.		Deady, Rick Alan	No	2
American Medical Response		Hansen, Brian	No	5
		Collins, Amber	No	5
American Red Cross		Firman, Abra	No	1
		Hamilton, Sherrilyn	No	1
Big Horn County DES		Mischel, Brian	No	120
Big Sky EDA – Project Impact	X	Lehm, Dianne	No	5
		Maclean, Thom	No	1
Billings, City of – Airport				2
		Smith, Colter		2
Billings, City of – Airport Fire	X	Totton, Paul	No	1
Billings, City of – Fire		Biggins, Sean	No	1
		Francis, Bryan	No	1
	X	Gibson, Kathy	No	1
		Hoppel, Matt	no	1
		Lyon, Jason	No	2
		Rash, William	No	1
		Valdez, Pepper	No	1
Billings, City of – Police				
		Korell, Brian		5
Billings, City of – Public Safety/Radio Tech		Kristjanson, Jon		1
Billings, City of – Public Works		Krizek, Boris		3
Billings, City Public Works – Water			No	3
Billings, City/County Planning		Friday, Wyeth	Yes	5
Billings Clinic	X	Marcotte, Joe		5
Billings Public Schools		Pearce, Cyndi	Yes	3
Brenntag Pacific, Inc.		Gold, Nick	No	15
BusinessWatch Montana		Cox, Meridith	No	

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Company		Name	Federally Funded Yes / No	Miles Travelled One-way
BSNF Police		Douglas, Justin	No	5
CHS Pipelines & Terminals– Laurel		Beach, Tina	No	30
	X	Fink, Chris		
		Larson, Marc		
		Martin, Jay	No	30
		Phillips, Joey	No	30
CHS Refinery – Laurel Pipelines & Terminals	X	Haan, Jacob		30
		Metzger, Keith		30
		LaCasse, Shane	No	30
County Water District of Blgs Heights		Nieskens, Duke	No	3
		Brookshire, Peyton	No	3
DHS		Middlebrook, Randy		
		Barone, Chris		
DPC		Rosh, Ron	No	
Diamond B Technology Solutions		Rockvam, Perry	No	2
		Ullman, Jennifer		
ExxonMobil Refinery		Carter, Dan	No	5
		Westbrook, Bobby	No	3
ExxonMobil Pipeline		Burns, Maureen	No	5
		Vokral, James	No	4.5
	X	Gilskey, Trevor		
FBI		Brown, Nadine	Yes	1
		Rose, Nicolette	Yes	1
		Stewart, Michele	Yes	1
		Shirley, Kiffa	Yes	1
Fuego Fire Service		Hurd, Robert, MD	No	3
HAWKINS, INC.		Lehner, Ross		
HOPE [Animal Assisted Crisis Response] Dogs	X	Schlitz, Harry		
Latter-Day Saints Charities	X	Nielsen, Lynnadel	No	5
		Zaugg, Bev		
Laurel, City of		Courtney, Karen	No	30
Laurel, City of		Markegard, Kurt	No	30
Laurel, City of – Ambulance	X	White, Thomas	No	3
Laurel, City of – Fire Department		Shomer, Jason		30
Laurel, City of - Police Department		Langve, Stan	No	30
		Sauter, Joel	No	30
Laurel Public Schools		Blonk, Tim	Yes	30
Living Independently Today/Tomorrow		Jed Barton	No	2
		Woodard, Steve	No	2
Lockwood Fire Dept		Staley, John	No	7

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Lockwood Water & Sewer		Woods, Woody		7
Loveland Products		Grassel, Diana		
		Frickle, Melanie		
		Berry, Jacob	No	3
Montana Dakota Utilities		Tipton, Michelle	No	2
MT Dist. V DES Rep.		Hanson, Charlie	Yes	5
		Gates, Jeff	Yes	
Montana Fire Service Training School		Larson, Terry		
Montana Highway Patrol		Edgell, Keith	No	
MSU-Billings –Police		Otterness, Denis	No	2
		Gatlin, Brandon		1
Montana Prescribed Fire Service		Bushey, Chuck		
Montana Rail Link		Bacino, Tom	No	357
		Turner, Mark		20
Montana Sulphur & Chemical		DeHart, Mark	No	
Montana Women's Prison				3
	X	Mooreman, Michael		3
Musselshell County DES		Harper, Andrew		110
National Weather Service		Frieders, Thomas		
		Setzenfand, Robert		
Northwestern		Perry, Lisa	No	
PPL-Montana		Beckman, Lee		2
		Kimmet, Ken		2
		Magnuson, Chris		1
Phillips 66		Adelman, Ben		2
	X	Galogly, Sean	No	1
Phillips 66 Pipeline		Wahlert, Shawn	No	
Rehabilitation Hospital				
	X	Glancy, Mike		
Rimrock Foundation		Eckenroad, Jim	No	1
Riverstone Health		Neill, Greg	Yes	2
		Schneeman, Barbara	Yes	2
		Snyder, Clark		
		Staton, Jennifer		
SM Energy			Yes	2
		Sutherland, Jeniffer	No	1
		Tengberg, Kim	No	1

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Salvation Army	X	Major Keith Bottjen Peterson, Colin	No	2
St. John's United	x	Burgess, Kent Wilkerson, Rob		6
St. Vincent Healthcare		Nordel, Dave	No	2
Shepherd Vol. Fire Dept		Ehlers, Phil	No	15
Stillwater Billings Clinic		Davey, Scott	Yes	100
		Grim, Jill	Yes	100
Sysco Food Service		Kelly, Chuck		4
US Marshal's Service		Ostermiller, Rod		
		Rash, Carol	Yes	2
United Way Volunteer Center	X	Sanderson, Pam	No	2
				2
Vitalant [formerly United Blood Services]		Rainey, Scott		
YARES, Radio Club	X	Bikle, Chuck	No	6
		Lough, Bob		
		Stiles, Paul		
		Tisdale, Wayne		
Yellowstone Art Museum		Price, Kelly		1
Yellowstone County DES	X	Williams, KC Oberg, Linda		
	X	Powell, Mike Reynolds, Janet		
Yellowstone Co – Sheriff		Bofto, Sam		
		Linder, Mike		2
		O'Donnell, Kent		
		Cunningham, Kevin	No	2
Yellowstone Hotel/Motel Association				
83 rd Civil Support Team (WMD)		Anderson, Shane	Yes	243
		Steichea, Jason	Yes	
		Swan, Donnie	Yes	243
Company	Present	Name	Federally Funded Yes / No	Miles Travelled
GUESTS:	X	Felton, John		
		TOTAL ATTENDANCE		

10-MINUTE AGENCY EDUCATION SESSIONS SCHEDULE

MEETING DATE	AGENCY		COMPLETED
JANUARY, 2020	YELLOWSTONE COUNTY GIS		X
FEBRUARY, 2020	NO PRESENTATION		
MARCH, 2020	NO PRESENTATION		
APRIL, 2020	373 CONSULTING	BILLINGS PUBLIC WORKS	MOVED TO MAY
MAY, 2020	373 CONSULTING	BILLINGS PUBLIC WORKS	MTG CANCELLED: COVID19 RESTRICTIONS
	ADVANCED CARE HOSPITAL	BILLINGS CLINIC	COVID19 RESTRICTIONS
JUNE, 2020	ALTERNATIVES	BORDER STATES ELECTRIC	VIRTUAL MTG
JULY, 2020	BIG SKY EDA	BRENNTAG PACIFIC	
AUGUST, 2020	BILLINGS AIRPORT	CHS – LAUREL	
SEPTEMBER, 2020	BILLINGS AIRPORT ARFF	SCHOOL DISTRICT #2	
OCTOBER, 2020	BILLINGS FIRE	COUNTY WATER DIST. – HEIGHTS	
NOVEMBER, 2020	BILLINGS POLICE	DPC INDUSTRIES	
DECEMBER, 2020	BUSINESS MEETING – No PRESENTATIONS		
JANUARY, 2021	BIG HORN COUNTY DES	LIVING INDEPENDENT	
FEBRUARY, 2021	DIAMOND B TECHNOLOGY	LOVELAND PRODUCTS	
MARCH, 2021	EXXONMOBIL	MSU-B POLICE	
APRIL, 2021	FBI	MSU FIRE TRAINING SCHOOL	
MAY, 2021	HAWKINS, INC.	MT DES – DISTRICT V	
JUNE, 2021	HOPE DOGS	MT DAKOTA UTILITIES	
JULY, 2021	LATTER DAY SAINTS CHARITIES	MT HIGHWAY PATROL	
AUGUST, 2021	CITY OF LAUREL	MT RAIL LINK	
SEPTEMBER, 2021	LAUREL POLICE	MT PRESCRIBED BURN	
OCTOBER, 2021	LAUREL FIRE	MT WOMEN'S PRISON	
NOVEMBER, 2021	LEGACY HEALTHCARE	MT SULPHUR	
DECEMBER, 2021	BUSINESS MEETING – No PRESENTATIONS		
JANUARY, 2022	LOCKWOOD FIRE	US MARSHAL'S	
FEBRUARY, 2022	MUSSELSHELL DES	US EPA – REGION 8	
MARCH, 2022	NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE	US POSTAL SERVICE	
APRIL, 2022	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	UNITED WAY VOLUNTEERS	
MAY, 2022	PHILLIPS 66	VITALANT	
JUNE, 2022	REHAB HOSPITAL	YARES	
JULY, 2022	RIMROCK FOUNDATION	AG WORKERS HEALTH SERVICE	
AUGUST, 2022	RIVERSTONE HEALTH	ALPHA OMEGA DISASTER	
SEPTEMBER, 2022	RED CROSS	YELLOWSTONE ART MUSEUM	
OCTOBER, 2022	ST. JOHN'S UNITED	YELLOWSTONE Co. DES	
NOVEMBER, 2022	ST. VINCENT HEALTHCARE	YELLOWSTONE Co. SHERIFF	
DECEMBER, 2022	BUSINESS MEETING – No PRESENTATIONS		
JANUARY, 2023	SALVATION ARMY	YELLOWSTONE Co. GIS	
FEBRUARY, 2023	SYSCO	CITY/COUNTY PLANNING	
MARCH, 2023	FUEGO FIRE DEPT	JOINT CITY/COUNTY 9-1-1 CENTER	
APRIL, 2023			
MAY, 2023			
JUNE, 2023			

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

The Billings Community Foundation & Yellowstone County United Way: These funders occasionally provide grants for projects supporting the following causes:

- Education
- Human Needs
- Arts and Culture
- Animal Welfare
- Natural and Environmental Resources
- Economic Development
- City of Billings Bricks & Mortar

Grants will range from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Submissions for these funding causes must be submitted through the Billings Community Foundation annual grant cycle priority categories. Applications open June 1 – June 28

Link: <https://billingscommunityfoundation.org/response-fund>

1776 Foundation: The 1776 Foundation seeks to improve government and politics by working to inform and equip the people of Montana to better evaluate policy options that uphold traditional American values, historic civil liberties, the Montana Constitution and the Constitution of the United States of America.

The 1776 Foundation is proud to support like-minded organizations with funding for programs that are in line with our mission. If you are a Montana nonprofit organization that needs funding for a project or program, we happily accept grant applications at any time. Our Grant Committee meets once per quarter to consider all grant requests.

Link: <https://1776foundation.us/programs/grants/>

First Interstate Bank – Centennial Youth Foundation

Any group or agency in Yellowstone County serving youth (ages 18 and under) eligible. Applications must be completed on, or before, July 15, 2020. The trustees will review each application and awards will be made in September. The grants will be used to enhance athletic, cultural, educational, and social service activities as well as make special projects possible.

Link: https://www.firstinterstatebank.com/campaigns/centennial_youth_foundation.php

STATE OF MONTANA - FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Montana Business Stabilization Grant: This program will provide working capital for Montana-owned small businesses with 50 or fewer employees that have sustained a loss of revenue due to COVID 19. Current funding available is \$50 million; the maximum award amount per business is **\$10,000**.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-800-755-6672

The Montana Innovation Grant Program - Intended to help companies scale up, improve capabilities, or drive expanded distribution of products or services developed in response to COVID-19. Non-profit and for-profit businesses of less than 150 employees with primary operations in Montana that have created an innovative product or service intended to directly confront the COVID-19 emergency can apply for grants of up to **\$25,000**. Current funding available is \$5 million.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-800-755-6672

Montana Food & Agriculture Adaptability Program - grants are available to food and agriculture businesses to help increase community resilience amid the COVID-19 pandemic and other economic disruptions. Examples of eligible projects include those focused on accessing new markets, projects which strengthen and expand local food systems, and other business adaptations that decrease food and agricultural waste. Current funding available is \$500,000, with a maximum grant award of **\$10,000**.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-800-755-6672 and/or by email to mtaap@mt.gov

Emergency Housing Assistance Program - Emergency Housing Assistance program will provide rent, security deposit, mortgage payment, and/or hazard insurance assistance as needed for Montanans who have lost a job or substantial income loss as a result of COVID-19. Initial payments may include up to three months assistance where the eligible household can demonstrate arrears for April and May, with continual inability to make their June payment. Montana Housing will pay the difference between 30 percent of the household's current gross monthly income and their eligible housing assistance costs, **up to \$2,000 a month**. Household income limits range from \$75,000-\$125,000 based on family size. Montanans receiving other forms of housing assistance are not eligible. Total funding available is \$50 million.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-800-761-6264

Montana Department of Public Health & Human Services, Public Health Grants - Available to local and tribal health departments and urban tribal clinics to help in the response to COVID-19 and to meet the needs of their communities. Each organization is eligible to apply for funding. Current funding available is \$5 million.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-888-333-0461 [DPHHS.MT.GOV](https://www.dphhs.mt.gov)

Stay Connected Grants - Ranging from \$500-\$2,000 per applicant are available to reduce social isolation among Montana's seniors. Eligible applicants include area agencies on aging, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and tribal elder services. Grant funds can be used to fund technologies and other efforts to encourage physically distant forms of social interaction for elderly Montanans during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Current funding available is \$400,000.

<https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-888-333-0461 [DPHHS.MT.GOV](https://www.dphhs.mt.gov)

Food Bank & Food Pantry Assistance - Up to \$50,000 per applicant are available to increase food security for Montanans hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible applicants include community organizations providing food assistance to Montanans with limited resources, food banks, food pantries, community cupboards, and entities with infrastructures already in place to begin new food distribution programs. Current funding available is \$2 million.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-888-333-0461 [DPHHS.MT.GOV](https://www.dphhs.mt.gov) -

Social Services Nonprofit Grants - Up to \$10,000 per applicant are available for nonprofit organizations impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency to retain existing programs and services, employees, or organizational viability for provision of future services and operations. Eligible applicants are registered, Montana-based social service nonprofits that were operating prior to February 15, 2020. Current funding available is \$10 million.

Link: <https://www.covidreliefmt.org/submit>

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-888-333-0461 [DPHHS.MT.GOV](https://www.dphhs.mt.gov)

Telework Assistance Grants - Up to \$1,000 per individual will go towards purchasing equipment to assist Montanans with disabilities access telework equipment. DPHHS will partner with a local non-profit organization to assess and support assistive technology needs of individuals with disabilities during COVID-19. This assistance will help ensure people with disabilities have the equipment needed to adapt to the change in working environment due to COVID-19. Current funding available is \$650,000.

Apply: If you are interested in applying, please email vrinfo@mt.gov with your name and contact information.

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Commerce 1-888-333-0461 [DPHHS.MT.GOV](https://www.dphhs.mt.gov)

Montana Business Adaptation Program - The Montana Business Adaptation Program will provide reimbursement for COVID-19 expenses related to keeping staff and customers safe – from the purchase of personal protective equipment to resources needed for staff to work remotely. Eligible small business must be Montana-based, employ 50 or less, have incurred eligible adaptation expenses since Feb. 15 due to COVID-19, and be in good standing with the Secretary of State or local tribal government. Nonprofit entities are eligible. Eligible expenses include costs related to communication, remote work equipment, cleaning supplies, tools to enhance social distancing and sanitation, travel and hotel costs related to quarantining workers. Total funding available is \$20 million, the maximum reimbursement amount per business is \$5,000.

*Questions can be answered with the State Department of Natural Resource and Conservation at 1-800-755-6672

Community Development Block Grants

Affordable Housing Development & Rehabilitation

- Application Deadline: September 15, 2020
- Grant Ceiling \$450,000 – No Match Required
- <https://comdev.mt.gov/Programs/CDBG/Housing/ApplicationForms>

Community & Public Facilities

- Application Deadline: September 15, 2020
- Grant Ceiling \$450,000 – 25% Match Required
- <https://comdev.mt.gov/Programs/CDBG/Facilities/ApplicationForms>

FEDERAL FUNDING – OPPORTUNITIES

Community Development Block Grants Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance (EDA)

No submission deadline

Award ceiling \$30,000,000 – Award floor \$100,000

Eligible – City/County Governments, non-profits, higher education institutions

Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive- merit-basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. If you are interested in applying for a project of national impact/scope under the CARES Act, please inquire at RNTA@eda.gov.

Community Development Block Grants Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants (USDA)

Application Deadline: July 13, 2020

Award ceiling \$1,00,000 – Award floor \$50,000

Eligible – City/County Governments, non-profits, higher education institutions, small businesses, Independent school districts, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Special district governments

DLT grant funds support the use of telecommunications-enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. These grants are intended to increase rural access to education, training, and health care resources that are otherwise unavailable or limited in scope.

USDA - Urban Agriculture and Innovation Production

Application Deadline: July 6, 2020

Award ceiling \$500,000 – Award floor \$100,000

Eligible – City/County Governments, non-profits, school districts, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Special district governments. Any school that serves any of the grades kindergarten through grade 12 are also eligible to apply

UAIP supports the development of urban agriculture and innovative production activities by funding Planning Projects (PP) and Implementation Projects (IP) led by nonprofit organizations, local or Tribal governments, and schools that serve any of the grades K-12 in areas of the United States. PPs and IPs should target a single or multiple urban areas, suburbs, or urban clusters in the United States where access to fresh foods is limited or unavailable and should include one or more partner organizations to achieve project goals within the target area(s).

OTHER GRANT FUNDS/RESOURCES

Links

- <https://rd.usda.gov/coronavirus>
- [Rotary International](#)
- [FEMA](#)
- [The Otto Bremer Trust Community Benefit Financial Company Emergency Fund](#)

International Association for Volunteer Effort: COVID-19 Response Fund

[Application Deadline: No Deadline](#)

[Award Ceiling: \\$500](#)

[Eligible: Nonprofits / "Volunteering Organization for an impact-orientated project focused on COVID-19"](#)

To limit the burden on nonprofits, there is no formal application at this time. Instead, we are asking interested organizations to fill out a short form providing basic information about your organization and work to address the basic needs of vulnerable populations impacted by the pandemic.

Grant Request Form: <https://www.iave.org/covid19/response-fund/grant-request-form/>

Inclusive Growth and Recovery Challenge

[Application Deadline: July 17, 2020](#)

[Award Ceiling: 10k to 10M](#)

[Eligible: Non-profits, for profits, entrepreneurs, governments. – *Entries must have charitable purpose*](#)

The Challenge is an open call for breakthrough ideas that harness the power of data science to help people and communities thrive, especially in the wake of COVID-19's economic impact. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, jobs of tomorrow—leave no worker behind; access to capital—leave no entrepreneur behind; and cities and towns—leave no place behind.

<https://www.data.org/challenge/>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Emergency Response for the Health Care System

[Application Deadline: June 12, 2020](#)

[Award Ceiling: 10k to 10M](#)

[Eligible: Providers, Government, Public Health Community Organizations](#)

The Emergency Response for the Healthcare System Innovation Challenge poses the question, "Can you create a digital tool supporting the healthcare system during a large-scale health crisis (pandemic, natural disaster, or other public health emergency)?" Digital tools can assist the healthcare community as it adapts to quickly changing circumstances and needs by addressing multiple categories: capacity management, clinical integration, communication, data exchange, mental health tools for providers, population health, preparedness, resource management, and data analytics, tracking, and visualization.

https://health2con-paxfp.formstack.com/forms/rwif_emergencysystem_phase1

<https://www.healthsystemcrisisresponse.com/>

GOOGLE

[Application Deadline: No application or deadline](#)

[Award Ceiling:](#)

[Eligible: All previous/current google ad users](#)

Small and medium-sized businesses globally, who have spent with a Google Ads account in ten out of twelve months of 2019, and in January and/or February of 2020. Eligible customers are those who advertised directly with Google. **There is no application process and no action to take.**

Once the ad credits are launched, they are automatically applied to Google Ads accounts per the above eligibility criteria. Unfortunately, no exceptions will be made and ad credits cannot be transferred, split or refunded.

GoFundMe - Small Business Relief Fund - [Award Ceiling: \\$500 Matching Grant](#)

[Eligible: Any Small Business](#)

The GoFundMe Small Business Relief Fund will provide micro-grants to qualifying small businesses negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. To qualify for a matching grant from the Small Business Relief Fund, the GoFundMe fundraiser must raise at least \$500 and verify that your small business has been negatively impacted by a government mandate due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Your small business must be independently owned and operated, and must not be nationally dominant in your field of operation. Each recipient of the matching grant must intend on using the funds to help care for your employees or pay ongoing business expenses.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/smallbusinessrelieffund>

Hello Alice - Business for All - Award Ceiling: \$10,000 - Eligible: Any Small Business
Application Deadline: July 16, 2020

The current COVID-19 crisis has been a game changer for small businesses. To ensure Business for All, Hello Alice with the support of Verizon, Silicon Valley Bank, Ebay, and others is offering \$10,000 emergency grants, being distributed immediately to small business owners impacted by this pandemic. If your business has been severely impacted by COVID-19, please complete the full COVID19 Business for All Grant application to apply for immediate support in the form of \$10,000 grants.

<https://businessforall.helloalice.com/>

<https://businessforall.helloalice.com/signup>

The Red Back Pack Fund - Award Ceiling: \$5,000

Eligible: Majority Women-Owned Business and Non-Profits

Application Open:

- June 1st – June 8, 2020
- July 6th – July 13th, 2020
- August 3rd – August 10th, 2020

The Red Backpack Fund is an initiative started by The Spanx by Sara Blakely Foundation. The foundation donated \$5 million to GlobalGiving to establish The Red Backpack Fund. GlobalGiving will be making at least 1,000 grants of \$5,000 each to female entrepreneurs in the U.S. to help alleviate the immediate needs and support the long-term recovery of those impacted by this crisis.

<https://globalgiving.typeform.com/to/incc6Z>

GRANT SEARCH - PLATFORM

Link: <https://grantstation.com/GrantStation-Insider/05-14-2020>

- Here you'll find the updated coronavirus grant funding opportunities for nonprofits, small businesses, journalists, and artists, updated each business day and listed by deadline date.

** Same website your Big Sky EDA Community Development Team uses!

SBA FINANCIAL - ASSISTANCE

Link:

<https://yconomicrecovery.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SBA-Coronavirus-Loans-Comparison-040720.pdf>

Review a loan comparison chart of the Paycheck Protection Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), EIDL Forgiveness/Advance, SBA Express Bridge Loan, and SBA Small Business Debt Relief Program provided by your Small Business Development Team below.

Includes eligibility, interest rates, term details, etc.