

COVID-19 UPDATES & INFORMATION

DUBLIN BUSINESS BRIEF



November 17, 2020 Special Notice

Alameda County CARES Grant Program

Applications are now being accepted until Monday, November 30 at 11:30 p.m.

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors recently created the Alameda County CARES Grant Program to assist small businesses with covering necessary costs due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The County is utilizing \$5 million in CARES Act funds for this program.



Eligible businesses in incorporated cities can receive a one-time grant of up to \$5,000. The grant will not require repayment.

The online application is now open. In the coming days, the application will also be available in Arabic, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Funds are limited and not everyone who applies is guaranteed to receive funding. If the funding requests for all grant applications exceeds available funding levels, grants will be awarded by lottery to eligible businesses.

Eligibility

Below is a summary of the eligibility criteria - please refer to the East Bay Economic Development Alliance [website](#) for full details on eligibility, use of funds, exclusions, etc.

- Businesses physically located in Alameda County (excluding the unincorporated areas) including home-based businesses
- Must agree to follow State of California & Alameda County Public Health Department COVID-19 guidelines to maintain a safe workplace
- Employ between 1 and 25 employees (self-employed individuals and sole proprietor with no employees or only with independent contractors are also eligible)
- Valid (current) business license for the location
- Must upload a business IRS Form W-9

- Business has been negatively impacted by one of these measures:
 - Closure of any length due to COVID-19
 - Layoff of one or more staff due to COVID-19

Use of Funds

Funds from Alameda County CARES grants may only be used for unreimbursed costs incurred from March 17, 2020 to December 30, 2020 for the following items:

- Rent/lease/mortgage and utility payments for business facilities;
- Payroll;
- Operating Expenses such as supplies, materials, insurance, etc.;
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), sanitation or health safety equipment;
- Reimbursement for digital technology equipment required to transition existing programs online;
- Business adaptations to comply with or relating to new COVID-19 requirements needed for business operations or re-opening, such as interior and exterior reconfigurations including curb-side or storefront pick-up and delivery, partitions, temporary signage, outdoor seating (to encourage social distancing), and other required adaptations; or
- Grantees shall keep all receipts or records in the event the County must request them. The County reserves the right to audit records associated with CARES grants.

Exclusions

- Alameda County CARES grants excludes all chain businesses not headquartered in Alameda County, financial institutions, banks, lenders, landlords of residential or commercial businesses, publicly traded companies, and non-profit entities.
- Mobile food trucks and pop-up businesses are not eligible.
- Businesses in the unincorporated areas of Alameda County are not eligible. The County is offering the [COVID-19 Business Adaptation Grants](#) for businesses in unincorporated county areas.
- Non-profit arts and cultural organizations are not eligible. The County is offering the [Alameda County Arts Relief Grant Program](#) (deadline is Friday, November 20, 2020).
- Only one grant per business will be authorized, even if business has multiple locations in Alameda County.

How to Apply

Full program details and the online application are available on the East Bay Economic Development Alliance [website](#).

Technical Assistance

If you have any questions about the Alameda County CARES grant program, fill out the online form on the East Bay Economic Development Alliance [website](#) and someone from the East Bay Economic Development Alliance will get back to you.

City Staff in the Office of Economic Development may also be able to answer basic questions about the program. You can reach us via [email](#) or by calling 925-833-6650 during normal business hours. Please allow at least two business days for a response. Language assistance is available over the phone by request.

Please note: City Hall will be closed on November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

We Are Here for You

The City of Dublin appreciates our business community and remains committed to being your source for reliable and accessible information and resources.

In addition to the COVID-19 [Business Impacts webpage](#), we have compiled a COVID-19 [Business Resource Guide](#) (PDF, last updated 9/3/2020). Be sure to also visit the City's [COVID-19 webpage](#) with up-to-date information and resources about the pandemic.

The Economic Development Division team is available via [email](#) or by calling 925-833-6650. Language assistance is available over the phone by request.

The COVID-19 Dublin Business Brief is a publication highlighting the latest news and events affecting the business community. For more information or assistance, please contact the Office of Economic Development via [email](#) or phone (925) 833-6650.

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