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## **Macon County CARES Small Business Relief Program**

The Macon County Commission has modified the eligibility requirement to allow the CARES Act funding more accessible to business owners.

Funds may only be used to reimburse costs that:

- are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
- were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.
- The requirement that expenditures be incurred “due to” the public health emergency means that expenditures must be used for actions taken to respond to the public health emergency.

To be eligible, businesses must meet the following requirements:

- Must possess a current city, county, and state license or permit to operate, as applicable.
- Business and nonprofits must be in good standing with the county and city (if applicable) with all necessary taxes paid, permits and licenses.
- Must provide proof of a business hardship created by COVID-19 (i.e. employee layoffs, purchase of added safety items, added expenses due to COVID19, etc.)
- Must use funds for operational needs, such as employee expenses, utilities, materials, supplies and services.
- Must be in compliance with local, state, and federal non-discrimination policy, and overall good standing with city and county service providers as of February 1, 2020 (e.g. current on utility bills, no liens or judgments, and prior year(s) property taxes, state and federal taxes).
- Must not have taken a Paycheck Protection Program loan or similar program under the CARES Act for the same expense.

**REVENUE REPLACEMENT IS NOT A PERMISSIBLE USE OF FUND PAYMENTS.**

Macon County has partnered with Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments to assist in the application process for the CARES Act Funding. Once the applications have been submitted and reviewed by MTRCOG, they will then be sent to the County for review to determine the amount of funds that will be approved for reimbursement. Reimbursements amounts will be determined based on applications received and fund availability. All applications MUST be received by November 10<sup>th</sup>, any application received after this deadline will only be reviewed if funds are available and will be on a first come first serve basis.

Please visit: <https://www.marktwaincog.com/cares-act-funding> to find the application for Macon County. There is also a link placed on the County webpage: <https://www.maconcountymo.com/>

Please submit completed application and required documentation by email, fax, or mail to:

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