

Town of Clover

COVID-19 Business Recovery Assistance

Grant Application Guidelines

Purpose

In response to the COVID-19 impact on local businesses, the Town of Clover is offering recovery grants up to \$500 to eligible Town of Clover businesses and industries that were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic resulting from governmental orders to close or limit operations.

Premise:

Federal and State assistance programs have all been built on a loan platform with some forgiveness of loans under certain conditions. Smaller businesses have had difficulty taking advantage of many of the more complicated programs and the uncertainty of paying back the loans. Most Small Business Assistance Programs are specifically geared to payroll, rent/mortgage, or utility payments only. A critical bridge is needed to help small businesses that invested or need to invest in customer and employee safety and to help jumpstart their business as restrictions ease. Current Small Business Assistance Programs do not provide help for public health and safety needs.

Proposal:

- Authorize use of up to \$12,000 from the Economic Development Fund to provide direct financial aid to provide critical support to Clover businesses.
- Provide assistance in the form of a grant (not a loan) up to \$500 to impacted eligible businesses, as funding remains available and on a **first come-first served basis.**
- Allow flexible use of the funds for small business-critical operating, capital, and health safety needs.

Eligible Small Businesses:

- Business must be physically located within Town of Clover limits*
- Must have a valid Town of Clover Business License
- Must not have any outstanding fees or payments owed to the Town of Clover except as deferred by COVID-19
- Must not have any existing Town code or regulation violations
- Non-profits do not meet the eligibility requirements of this program

*Home-based businesses are not eligible

Eligible Uses of Funds:

To receive funds through this program, businesses will be required to provide evidence of the purchase of Eligible Uses (goods or services) made in response to COVID-19 after March 1, 2020. Under this assistance program, the following are Eligible Uses:

- COVID-19 Personal Protection Equipment
- Cleaning and disinfectant products and services
- Expenses directly related to software, equipment, and physical improvements needed to accomplish any health, safety and social distancing initiatives or identified standards related to COVID-19, including signage, outdoor dining, building modifications, etc.
- Utilities – water/sewer, electricity, and natural gas bills during the time period the business was closed due to COVID-19

Application Requirements:

Submission of a Town of Clover COVID-19 Business Recovery Assistance Grant Application is required.

Applicants requesting reimbursement for Eligible Uses must provide evidence such as receipts, bills, invoices, cancelled checks showing payment, etc. of the purchase. Only purchases made after March 1, 2020, are eligible for reimbursement.

Each application will be considered and reviewed based on its completeness, the eligibility of the applicant, the eligibility of the purchase, and the availability of funds on a **first come-first served basis**. When submitted, each application will receive a date and time stamp to determine placement in line for consideration of available funds.

Online submittal is preferred. Click [HERE](#) to complete the application online.

The application is also available online at www.cloversc.org and at Clover Town Hall, 116 Bethel Street. Completed applications will be accepted via email to aharvey@cloversc.org or by returning to Clover Town Hall.

Grant applications for the Town of Clover COVID-19 Business Recovery Assistance Grant will not be accepted after September 1, 2020.

For more information, call Clover Town Hall at 803-222-9495 or email Town Administrator Allison Harvey at aharvey@cloversc.org.