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**New Grant Available for Small Businesses Impacted By COVID 19**

Over the last year, Washington State has provided small businesses throughout the state with more than \$125 million in grants to address the economic outfall of COVID-19. This effort continues with a new round of grant opportunities focused on brick and mortar businesses. Businesses in Chelan and Douglas counties are eligible to receive grants.

The Washington State Department of Commerce is launching the new grant program using Federal CARES Act funds; Working Washington Round 4 on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Priorities for funding include:

- **Businesses required to close.**
- **Businesses with lost revenue as a result of closure.**
- **Businesses with added expenses to maintain safe operations.**
- **Equitable distribution of grant funds across the state and to businesses owned and operated by historically disadvantaged individuals.**

**Small Business Grant Application Portal Open on March 29.**

Go to <https://commercegrants.com/> for more information on eligibility, documentation required, frequently asked questions, and to apply.

Once the application portal opens, business owners can call technical assistance centers for questions and help. Assistance will be available in multiple languages.

**More information can be found here:**

**<https://www.cdrpa.org/covid-19-small-business-resources>**

**About the CDRPA:** The Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority is the first of its kind in Washington by functionally consolidating two county-wide port districts into one operating entity. With the mission to “Work Together to Enhance the Economic Vitality of North Central Washington”, the CDRPA acts as the principal economic development agency for Chelan & Douglas Counties. For more information, please visit [www.cdrpa.org](http://www.cdrpa.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#).