



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

AGENDA ITEM

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DATE: July 7, 2020

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT

SAN DIEGO COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS STIMULUS PROGRAM (DISTRICTS: ALL)

OVERVIEW

On May 19, 2020 (28), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) approved \$17 million of the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund funds for economic stimulus for restaurants and small businesses. Staff was asked to report back in 45 days with recommendations to implement this economic stimulus program. Today’s actions request Board approval for these recommendations and the needed actions to implement the program.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Approve the San Diego County Small Business Stimulus Grant Fund Proposal.
2. Establish appropriations of \$17,140,000 million in Finance Other County General Expense, Contribution to Other Agencies (\$17,000,000), Salaries and Benefits (\$108,872) and Services and Supplies (\$31,128) for the San Diego County Small Business Stimulus Program based on revenue from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund. (4 VOTES)

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are partially included in the Fiscal Year 2020-21 preliminary operating budget in Finance and General Government Group Executive Office, Auditor and Controller, and Office of County Counsel. If approved, this request will result in costs and revenues of \$17,000,000 million to award grants and \$370,000 in estimated costs and revenues to administer the program in Fiscal Year 2020-21. The funding source is the federal CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

If approved, these recommendations will have a positive impact on the small business community. The grants will go towards assisting businesses that have been affected by COVID-19.

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ADVISORY BOARD STATEMENT

N/A

BACKGROUND

On May 19, 2020 (28), the San Diego County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) approved \$17 million of the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) funds for economic stimulus for restaurants and small businesses. In San Diego, 98% of all businesses in San Diego County are small businesses. Of these, over 15,000 are food businesses. The current COVID-19 pandemic has led to a devastating economic impact across San Diego County. With the San Diego County Small Business Stimulus Program, the funds will provide a grant to many local small businesses to get them open, keep them open, and help prevent more from going out of business. Eligible businesses will be businesses (non-profit and private for-profit) with fewer than 100 employees headquartered and operating in San Diego County with less than \$15 million prior year gross receipts and a minimum one-year operating history. Financial assistance will be allocated to eligible, qualified small businesses and nonprofit entities with final award recommendations made by individual district offices based on the availability of funds, program guidelines, and the submission of all required information and supporting documentation.

The funds may be used towards supporting public health and response activities associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible expenditures begin March 1, 2020 through the end of the agreement term, no later than December 30, 2020, when CRF funding must be spent. Applications will be accepted through **October 16, 2020**, subject to funding available by district.

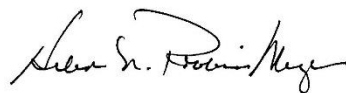
The funds will be equally distributed by the Supervisorial Districts (\$3.4 million per district). All awards must be approved by the Board of Supervisors no later than **November 17, 2020** and must be expended by grantees no later than December 30, 2020.

Today’s actions will assist small businesses recover from the effects of COVID-19 on their options by implementing a San Diego County Small Business Stimulus Program.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO STRATEGIC PLAN

Today’s actions to approve the San Diego County Small Business Stimulus Program supports the Sustainable Environments/Thriving Strategic Initiative in the County of San Diego’s 2020-2025 Strategic Plan by providing resources to assist small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

Respectfully submitted,



HELEN N. ROBBINS-MEYER
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT(S)

San Diego County Small Businesses Stimulus Grant Fund Program

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED

Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:

May 19, 2020 (28) Approved \$17M for economic stimulus in the region and return to the Board with recommendations to implement an economic stimulus program for restaurants and small businesses.

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:

N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:

N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:

N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):

N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Finance and General Government Group

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