

Applications Are Now Being Accepted

Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant (SBAGP) Program

The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) is administering a **Small Businesses Grant Assistance Program (SBAGP)** in the greater north central Massachusetts region providing up to \$1,000 business grants to eligible businesses (up to 20 employees) that were adversely impacted by the closure and losses as a result of the economic decline caused by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible businesses must be located in any of the following communities

- ✓ Cities of Fitchburg, Gardner, or Leominster
- ✓ Towns of Ashburnham, Ashby, Athol, Ayer, Clinton, Groton, Harvard, Hubbardston, Lncaster, Lunenburg, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston, Shirley, Sterling, Templeton, Townsend, Westminster, or Winchendon
- ✓ The planned business community of Devens

Small Business/Grant Applicant Eligibility

The MSBAP will provide small business grants (up to \$1,000 per eligible business) to the following types of businesses with under 20 employees:

- ✓ Food service and/or production
- ✓ Restaurants
- ✓ Bed and breakfasts
- ✓ Housecleaners
- ✓ Laundromat or dry-cleaners
- ✓ Car repair/garage
- ✓ Barber shops/beauty salons
- ✓ Health care and social assistance
- ✓ Small retail shops

Eligible business expenses will include the following:

- ✓ Fixed debt payments (such as on real estate and machinery and equipment)
- ✓ Payroll
- ✓ Accounts payable
- ✓ Lost sales
- ✓ Lost opportunities

- ✓ Other working capital expenses that could have been recognized had the COVID-19 pandemic not occurred

All applicants will be required to demonstrate a direct or indirect financial hardship resulting from COVID-19. Other requirements apply. Please download the following documents and apply as soon as possible. Funds need to be expended no later than September 30, 2020!

- ✓ Brochure
- ✓ Application with Program Requirements
- ✓ W9 Form

For any questions or inquiries please contact Glenn Eaton, Executive Director, geaton@mrpc.org, or at 978.345.7376, X310.

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