



## **JO DAVIESS COUNTY BOARD**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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#### **Jo Daviess County Small Business Stabilization Grant Program**

The Jo Daviess County Board has extended the Jo Daviess County Small Business Stabilization Grant Program (SBSG). Applications for round two of the SBSG Program will be accepted until June 12, 2020 @ 4:00 pm.

The purpose of the \$250,000 SBSG program is to help small businesses deemed “non-essential” pursuant to Governor Pritzker’s “Stay at Home” executive order, that are located within Jo Daviess County, to remain viable during and following the COVID-19 pandemic. On May 20, 2020 the Jo Daviess County Board awarded grants to 23 Jo Daviess County small businesses totaling \$40,214.

The program is intended to help “non-essential” small businesses in Jo Daviess County pay expenses not covered by the federal governments “Paycheck Protection Program” or other sources of State or Federal COVID-19 relief funding. The maximum award a business can receive is \$5,000 for one-month of qualifying expenses. The Jo Daviess County Board has authorized funding of this grant program through the Economic Development Investment Fund of the County.

The County believes small, “non-essential” businesses are, in fact, an essential part of our business and culture community and realizes the significant impact COVID-19 has had on them. Many of our small “non-essential” businesses have been left out of financial options and they are our most vulnerable businesses and in need of financial assistance.

To be eligible for the SBSG program, a business (profit or non-profit) must meet certain criteria including:

- Must be deemed a “non-essential” business under the “Stay at Home” order or a restaurant that is now limited to serving food for consumption off-premises, Bed & Breakfast, home based salon & spa/barbershop;
- Must operate out of a brick-and-mortar location with the exception of Bed & Breakfast, home based salon & spa/barbershop, home based daycare and the business is not able to pay rent, mortgage or utilities;
- Must meet the definition of small business defined as a business who employs less than 12 full-time employees or the equivalent weekly hours of 12 full-time employees;
- Must be legally capable of entering into a binding contract;
- Must remain open for one-year following the grant award,
- If a business qualifies for the federal “Paycheck Protection Program,” the business owner must have applied for a loan under the Paycheck Protection Program and been denied in writing;
- Any "non-essential" business that has applied for the federal "Paycheck Protection Program" and has not yet received notice of award is eligible to apply for the SBSG program.

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If applicant is awarded funding through the federal "Paycheck Protection Program", any SBSG grant funds received from Jo Daviess County must be repaid, the Grant Committee will consider, in appropriate cases, the applications of businesses for which the Paycheck Protection Program is impractical or in the event of the illiquidity or termination of the Paycheck Protection Program. Such businesses are encouraged to contact the Planning & Development Department or Northwest Illinois Economic Development prior to applying.

Applications for round two of the Jo Daviess County SBSG Program will be accepted beginning May 21, 2020. For Consideration applications must be received by Friday, June 12, 2020 @ 4:00 pm.

A Question and Answer webinar via ZOOM, will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 3:00 PM. ZOOM invitations are available by contacting Eric Tison, JDC Planning & Development Administrator; [etison@jodaviess.org](mailto:etison@jodaviess.org) or Emily Legel, Executive Director NWILED; [elegel@nwiled.org](mailto:elegel@nwiled.org)  
Grant applications are available on the JDC website: [www.jodaviess.org/covid19](http://www.jodaviess.org/covid19)

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