California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program

Program Overview

The California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant is administered by CalOSBA through a competitive bid award to its intermediary, Lendistry, and its statewide network of community-based lenders and partners. The Program provides competitive micro grants ranging from $5,000 to $25,000 to eligible small businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19 and the related health and safety restrictions. On 2/23, Governor Newsom signed legislation to provide an additional $2.075 billion for competitive grants for eligible small businesses – a four-fold increase to the original $500 million grant program. This new allocation includes a special program allotment of $50M for non-profit cultural institutions.

Round 1 was held December 30, 2020 through January 13, 2021. Round 2 was held February 2, 2021 through February 8, 2021. Round 3 was held March 5, 2021 through March 11, 2021. Round 4 was held March 16, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Round 5 was held March 25, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Round 6 was held April 28, 2021 through May 4, 2021.

For application eligibility and selection criteria, visit CAReliefGrant.com.

For data from previously completed rounds, visit business.ca.gov/about/publications/

The California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) supports economic growth and innovation and ensures that ALL California small businesses and innovative startups have the information, resources and direct support they need to better navigate resources, programs and regulations. CalOSBA serves as the voice of small business, representing their views and interests across the state and advocating for equitable access to capital, markets, and networks so that all California small businesses successfully start, manage, grow and become more resilient.
SELECTED APPLICANTS BY INDUSTRY*

**Highly Impacted Industries - 18.6%**

**Other Impacted Industries - 3.7%**
(including 453 - florists, stationery, arts dealers, 445 - supermarkets, convenience stores, fresh fish markets, 446 - cosmetics, beauty among others)

SELECTED APPLICANTS BY DEMOGRAPHICS*

LMI - 56.6%
Rural - 6.8%
Minority-Owned - 61.7%
White-Owned - 38.3%
Women-Owned - 44.7%
Veteran-Owned - 3.5%
African-American-Owned - 10.5%
Asian-Owned - 31.6%
Hispanic or Latino-Owned - 18.7%
Native-Owned - 2.1%
Other Pacific Islander-Owned - 2.4%

SELECTED NON-PROFITS*

4.2%

*Total awards are pending finalization and completed payment which occurs on a rolling basis; and these estimates are based on selected to date. On demographics data, applicants can fit into multiple reported categories. Demographic and industry data is for for-profits only.