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## **CALIFORNIA MICRO-BUSINESS COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM DEADLINE EXTENDED**

**Thursday, October 20, 2022, Salinas, CA --** Local Monterey County micro-businesses, with five or less employees, are encouraged to take advantage of the California Micro-business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program since the deadline to apply has been extended until May 31, 2023. "We're delighted to share that the deadline to apply for these \$2,500 grants has been extended," said Monterey County Workforce Development Board, Executive Director, Christopher Donnelly. "We're encouraging sole proprietors and businesses such as food trucks and street vendors to consider applying if you have five or less employees. We are aware of the economic hardships that local microbusinesses have suffered during the pandemic and want you to know that we're here to help."

In order to support small business employers facing financial impacts from the coronavirus pandemic, the Monterey County Workforce Development Board, in partnership with the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA), has established the COVID-19 Micro-business Grant fund. The fund will provide \$2,500 grants to eligible small employers who experienced economic stresses caused by the pandemic.

### **Eligible businesses include:**

- 5 or fewer full-time equivalent employees
- Negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Were open and in operation prior to December 31, 2019
- Made less than \$50,000 in revenues in 2019
- More eligibility criteria apply, see <https://www.montereycountywdb.org/monterey-county-works/small-business-grants/> for full details

### **Authorized partners:**

The Monterey County Workforce Development Board (MCWDB) is the sole representative for the California Microbusiness COVID-19 Relief program in Monterey County. Submission of applications is completely free of charge. Prospective applicants can reach out to the MCWDB at [mcsbg@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:mcsbg@co.monterey.ca.us) or partner organizations for free assistance with application requirements, translation and/or submission.

- Cal Coastal Small Business Development Center (SBDC)  
Spanish Assistance Available  
(831) 676-2017 <https://calcoastalsbdc.com>
- El Pajaro Community Development Corporation  
Spanish Assistance Available  
(831) 722-1224 <https://www.elpajarcodc.org/>

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- Monterey County Business Council (MCBC)  
(831) 216-3013 <https://mcbc.biz/>
- Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (MPCC)  
(831) 648-5350 <https://www.montereychamber.com/>
- Salinas Union Business Association (SUBA)  
Spanish Assistance Available  
(831) 796-0896 <https://subasalinas.org>
- Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce (SVCC)  
(831) 751-7725 <https://www.salinaschamber.com/>

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