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Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Announces Final Round of Business Grants

The Dalles, Ore. – October 5, 2020 –Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) has been granted additional funding from Business Oregon to distribute COVID-19 Emergency Business Assistance Grants in Hood River, Sherman and Wasco Counties. This is the final round of this grant program. Recognizing that recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic has lengthened and that many Oregon businesses continue to suffer from economic harm due to decreased revenues and increased operating expenses, the Oregon Legislature, in partnership with the Governor, increased the limits for this program. To ensure that all businesses are treated equitably, those that had received funding under the previous terms of this program are eligible for a supplemental award.

Grants will be disbursed by MCEDD on a first come, first-served basis. Businesses that have already received an award (either from MCEDD or City of The Dalles) in previous rounds of this program will be contacted with details on how to receive additional funds they may be eligible for. For new applicants, small businesses (including independent contractors and sole proprietors) and non-profits (501(c)3s only) with 25 or fewer employees that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic between March and August of 2020 are eligible to apply. Businesses that have received less than \$100,000 in federal emergency assistance under the federal CARES Act through programs such as the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), and the EIDL Emergency Advance Program may be eligible and are encouraged to apply.

"We are excited to have more funds to distribute, that the grant amounts have increased, and that businesses who received under \$100,000 of PPP or EIDL are eligible with this round" said Jessica Metta, MCEDD Executive Director.

MCEDD will begin accepting applications at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5. Applications and a full list of eligibility requirements can be found at mcedd.org/bizgrants. If you have questions about the program, please call (541) 296-2266 x 1006 or email bizgrant@mcedd.org. To apply, email applications to bizgrants@mcedd.org or mail/ hand deliver to MCEDD at 802 Chenoweth Loop Road, The Dalles, OR 97058.

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) was established in 1969 by Klickitat, Skamania, Hood River, Wasco, and Sherman counties to benefit from better access to economic development loans and grants, pooled technical assistance, marketing, and administrative resources, and a regional approach to economic development efforts. Over the years MCEDD's membership has grown to include counties, cities, ports and chambers of commerce within the five county region. It is governed by a twenty-one member Board representing its members and the key economic interests in the region. MCEDD promotes the creation of family-wage jobs, the diversification of the economic base, and the growth, development and retention of business and industry. More information may be found at: <http://www.mcedd.org>

En Español

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District Anuncia la Ronda Final de Subsidios Comerciales

The Dalles, Ore. - 5 de octubre de 2020 - Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) recibió fondos adicionales de Business Oregon para distribuir subvenciones subsidios de asistencia comercial de emergencia COVID-19 en los condados de Hood River, Sherman y Wasco. Esta es la ronda final de este programa de subsidios. Reconociendo que la recuperación de la pandemia de COVID-19 se ha prolongado y que muchas empresas de Oregón continúan sufriendo daños económicos debido a la disminución de ingresos y al aumento de los gastos operativos, la Legislatura de Oregón, en asociación con el Gobernador, aumentó los límites para este programa. Para garantizar que todas las empresas reciban un trato equitativo, aquellas que habían recibido financiación según los términos anteriores de este programa son elegibles para un subsidio complementario.

Los subsidios serán desembolsados por MCEDD por orden de llegada. Las empresas que ya hayan recibido un premio (ya sea de MCEDD o de la ciudad de The Dalles) en rondas anteriores de este programa serán contactadas con detalles sobre cómo recibir fondos adicionales para los que pueden ser elegibles. Para los nuevos solicitantes, las pequeñas empresas (incluidos los contratistas independientes y los propietarios únicos) y las organizaciones sin fines de lucro (solo 501 (c) 3) con 25 empleados o menos que hayan sido afectados por la pandemia de COVID-19 entre marzo y agosto de 2020 son elegibles para aplicar. Las empresas que han recibido menos de \$ 100,000 en asistencia de emergencia federal bajo la Ley CARES federal a través de programas como el Programa de Protección de Cheques de Pago (PPP) de la Administración de Pequeñas Empresas (SBA), el Préstamo por Desastre por Lesiones Económicas (EIDL) y el Programa de Avance de Emergencia de EIDL pueden ser elegibles y están Animado a aplicar.

“Estamos entusiasmados de tener más fondos para distribuir, que la cantidad de los subsidios hayan aumentado y que las empresas que recibieron menos de \$100,000 de PPP o EIDL sean elegibles para esta ronda”, dijo Jessica Metta, directora ejecutiva de MCEDD.

MCEDD comenzará a aceptar solicitudes a las 8:00 a.m. del lunes 5 de octubre. Las solicitudes y una lista completa de los requisitos de elegibilidad se pueden encontrar en mcedd.org/bizgrants. Si tiene preguntas sobre el programa, llame al (541) 296-2266 x 1006 o envíe un correo electrónico a bizgrant@mcedd.org. Para aplicar, envíe las solicitudes por correo electrónico a bizgrants@mcedd.org o envíelas por correo / en mano a MCEDD en 802 Chenoweth Loop Road, The Dalles, OR 97058.

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