



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 20, 2020

Grant Program will Open to Eastern Oregon Businesses Impacted by Pandemic

SALEM, OR - Business Oregon is seeking applicants from businesses in the Eastern Oregon region to meet geographic distribution targets for the round of grant funding it previously announced on Wednesday, November 18th. The grant funding allocated by the Oregon legislature and Governor Kate Brown specified there should be geographic distribution for the funds across the state, and there is currently room for more businesses from Eastern Oregon.

The Eastern Oregon region includes Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, and Wheeler counties. The grants are available to small businesses in these counties that have seen lost revenue due to the pandemic, and that meet a set of requirements.

Business Oregon received 74 applications from the Eastern Oregon region seeking approximately \$2.4 million in funds. The agency estimates that another \$2 million in additional applicants will ensure Eastern Oregon small businesses are appropriately represented in the final awards.

The previous four rounds of funding from this program were all only available to businesses with fewer than 25 employees, to help Oregon's smallest businesses first. Most previous rounds also targeted businesses that did not already receive assistance through the CARES Act (such as PPP and EIDL). With the newly allocated funding allowing for a fifth round, the program shifted to serve a group of businesses in need that did not have access to the previous four rounds of grants. This round will now consider applications from businesses with 1 to 25 employees that **have** already received anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1 million in funding from these federal resources. Businesses with 26 to 100 employees are eligible

regardless of the amount of federal resources they received (up to \$1,000,000), if they meet other program requirements.

Businesses are eligible to receive up to \$200,000 in grant funding as detailed in the grant application. To be eligible, a business must show it was prohibited from operations by the [Governor's Executive Order 20-12](#), or demonstrate a 25% reduction in sales over a 30-day period in 2020 compared to a comparable period in 2019.

The application will be posted on Monday November 23 at 3pm, and will be accepted until Tuesday November 24 at 3pm, though applications will be reviewed and processed on a first-come first-served basis. There will be a PDF form to fill out and email back to Business Oregon. The application form and additional details will be found on [Business Oregon's website](#) in multiple languages. Any information received prior to November 23 at 3pm will not be accepted or reviewed. Only applications from businesses headquartered in Oregon with primary operations in the Eastern Oregon counties listed above will be considered. Additional resources and information on COVID-19 response can be found on the [department's website](#), and the [Governor's COVID-19 web page](#) has the latest guidance.

Media Contact: [Nathan Buehler](#), 503-689-3559.

Business Oregon, the state's economic development agency, invests in Oregon businesses, communities, and people to promote a globally competitive, diverse, and inclusive economy. The agency's services span rural community development and infrastructure financing; business retention, expansion and recruitment; export promotion and international trade; investments in industry research and development and entrepreneurship; small business assistance; and support for arts and cultural organizations. Learn more at www.oregon4biz.com

Copyright © 2020 Business Oregon
Our address is [775 Summer St NE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97301, USA](#)

If you do not wish to receive future emails, [update your preferences here](#).
(You can also send your request to **Customer Care** at the street address above.)