



## Working Washington Grant 2.0

### Up to \$10,000 is available for Island County businesses with up to 20 employees to support COVID-related response and recovery

The Economic Development Council for Island County (EDCIC) is now accepting applications for emergency grants up to \$10,000 each for businesses with up to 20 employees in Island County. Grant money can be used to assist with a variety of expenses related to the impact from COVID-19.

A pool of \$146,693 is available only to businesses in Island County until funds are exhausted. The application period is September 14 - 22, 2020.

To learn more and apply, visit <https://www.iscoedc.com/working-washington-grant-2-0/>.

Funding for the program is from the state's Working Washington Small Business 2.0 program including federal Coronavirus Assistance, Recovery and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds to help with COVID-19 response and recovery efforts across Washington State.

"We are extremely pleased to have the opportunity to administer another round of funding to our small businesses that are suffering the effects of this pandemic," said Sharon Sappington, Executive Director of EDCIC. "These last 6 months have been incredibly difficult for our business communities and hopefully these funds will offer some financial relief to those businesses that are suffering the most." Funding is intended to support local businesses that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.

"The length and depth of the pandemic have hit small, main street businesses hard," said Washington State Department of Commerce Director Lisa Brown. "In particular, restaurants, hotels and other service industries have not seen the expected number of customers. Small businesses need these resources to stay open as we respond to the public health crisis and help get people back to work."

The Washington State Department of Commerce partnered with the EDCIC and the 34 other local economic development organizations statewide to make a new tranche of \$10 million in Working Washington Small Business Emergency grants available. Applications and administration of the new funds are run by the local organizations that serve all 39 counties. The Washington State Department of Commerce is not accepting or reviewing applications, this will be done by the local economic development organizations.

#### **The EDCIC is open for business**

Though some of us may be working remotely, our operations will continue as we work to keep our resources for businesses and workers up to date, offer consultations, and direct inquiries to the proper channels. Keep an eye on our [COVID-19 webpage](#) and please contact the EDCIC at [business@edcilandcounty.org](mailto:business@edcilandcounty.org) or (360) 678-6889 with any questions, thoughts or ideas during this very difficult time.