

Iowa Small Business Relief Grant and Tax Deferral Application

COVID-19

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of Iowa Small Business Relief Grant and Tax Deferral?

The purpose of Iowa Small Business Relief Grant and Tax Deferral is to provide financial assistance and/or tax deferral to businesses that are experiencing business interruption due to the COVID-19 virus.

Iowa Small Business Grant

The Small Business Relief Grant will provide financial assistance through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) in the amount of \$5,000-\$25,000. These funds will assist small businesses in maintaining or reopening business operations impacted by the COVID-19 virus. This assistance is only intended to provide businesses with immediate, short-term cash flow assistance for approximately the next 30 days. The funds are not to be used to pay debts incurred prior to the March 17 Proclamation.

Who is Eligible?

- Businesses employing between 2-25 employees prior to March 17, 2020*
- Businesses must have a physical location within Iowa; and
- Businesses impacted by the COVID-19 virus

***2-25 Employees Defined:**

- The goal of the program is to assist as many eligible businesses in maintaining operations or reopening business and limit the economic impact for as many Iowa small business employees as possible.
- Full and part-time employees must be greater than 2 but must not exceed 25.
- Sole proprietors are eligible applicants but must have at least two employees. This can include one owner and one part or full time employee.

Iowa Small Business Tax Deferral

The Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR) will review each application, as applicable, to determine if it is appropriate to grant a deferral for sales and use or withholding tax. If tax deferral is granted for a business, someone from the IDR will contact applicants to further discuss.

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How to Apply

Applications are available at iowabusinessrecovery.com. This is an electronic form that will be submitted at the link. Due to the anticipated volume of applications this program will receive, IEDA and IDR staff will work diligently to review and respond to applications as received.

- Incomplete applications will not be reviewed for eligibility.
- **Applications will be accepted until March 31 at 12:00 pm.**
- **Application Review Process:** Applications will be sorted by county and ranked by business impact level, based on department review.

Who do I contact with questions?

Please understand there will be significant volume, and the departments will respond to questions as quickly as possible.

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***A completed application to IEDA and IDR is not a guarantee of financial assistance or tax deferral. Each application will be reviewed by IEDA and IDR staff. Awards of financial assistance may be less than the requested amount.*