

Mount Vernon Receives COVID-19 Relief Grant for Small Businesses

Mount Vernon has received a \$250,000 COVID-19 Response Program Phase 3 grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). This program provides funds to small businesses within the corporate limits of Mount Vernon. The funds are to be used as working capital to offset financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

General Eligibility Criteria

Eligible businesses/individuals must meet the following guidelines:

- Be a legal business, which can include self-employed individuals
- Micro-businesses/sole proprietors must receive W-2 or 1099, or other form of schedule approved by the IRS. No cash wages will be considered.
- Must meet the definition of a small business.
- Demonstrate the direct correlation of their business disruption due to COVID-19.
- Primary office or business location must be within Mount Vernon corporate boundaries.
- Businesses receiving other COVID-19 assistance such as PPP, EIDL are eligible to apply.

Businesses interested in applying will go to the online application at <https://www.southwestindiana.org/phase3/>. The application opens at 12pm noon on Wednesday, April 21st and will close at 3pm on Wednesday, April 28th. If you have questions regarding this program or the online application please contact the Evansville Regional Economic Partnership (EREP) at 812-423-2020, or via email at cdteam@evvregion.com.

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