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Medina County Small Business Grant Program Opens for Round Three

Medina, OH As part of the CARES Act, the Medina County Commissioners have added new funding to the county's Small Business Grant Program to help businesses which have been impacted by COVID-19 and the resulting shutdown to cover expenses and maintain business growth.

"We are pleased that we have been able to help over 300 companies so far through this program, but we know the need continues," said Commissioner Colleen Swedyk. "We are thrilled to have additional funds to be able to support our small businesses."

"The County has been able to offset a number of expenses incurred through the pandemic and we are grateful for that opportunity. Supporting our small businesses also strengthens the County's financial position," explained Scott Miller, County Administrator.

"Having delivered a number of awards to businesses, we have seen first-hand the strength and resiliency of our businesses. For many, getting that grant can give them the support they need to keep going," said Bill Hutson, Medina County Commissioner.

"Supporting our local businesses is important to all of us in County leadership," said Commissioner Patricia Geissman. "They are the backbone of our communities and being able to provide this program is very exciting."

The deadline for this third round of funding is Monday, October 5 at 4:00 PM. The program, allowed under the CARES Act, was developed from guidance set forth by the U.S. Treasury Department. It allows local governments receiving CARES money to create grant programs. Other counties throughout Ohio have created similar programs, but they have been more restrictive.

"It was important for us to include all types of businesses, including independent contractors, LLCs, and corporations. All businesses with fewer than 50 employees, bringing in less than \$1.5 million in revenue, and located in Medina County as verified on the Secretary of State's website, are eligible," said John Burke, Medina County Treasurer.

Recognizing small business as the lifeblood of a community, this effort, in partnership with others already being managed throughout the county, will help support our businesses and ensure they continue long after COVID has been managed. Eligible applicants are those which are located in Medina County, have fewer than 50 employees, and not received other federal funds to cover expenses related to COVID-19 and the government-mandated shutdown.

To apply, visit <https://www.medinacounty.org/small-business-grant-program/>

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