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BECKER COUNTY TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-99

December 15, 2020 – The Becker County Board of Commissioners established an Emergency Business Relief Grant. One-time grants of \$2,000 may be available to businesses that have experienced a financial hardship by being directed to close their business or modify their operations due to Minnesota Executive Order 20-99 or subsequent order.

Grant applicants:

- Must operate within corporate limits of Becker County
- May employ no more than 25 employees (as of December 15, 2020)
- Restaurants – (valid food license)
- Bars – (valid liquor License)
- Fitness Centers, Recreations Centers, Museums
- Movie Theaters
- Businesses directed to be closed and defined within MN Executive Order 20-99

Grant funds received by businesses shall be used to cover costs due to the pandemic such as: payroll expense support, rent, mortgage payments, utility bills, and other expenses that occur in the regular course of business.

“This is a streamlined program, to get funds out quickly to those businesses directly impacted by the Governor’s Executive Order” said Ben Grimsley, Becker County Board Chair.

The application will be located on the Becker County website (www.co.becker.mn.us). The application will require signing an agreement, certifying your business has been financially impacted by the Executive Order, certifying that grant funds will be used to cover costs during the COVID-19 problem and that the business is specifically listed within Minnesota Executive Order 20-99. The application will remain open until closed with awards being paid as soon as the application has been validated.

Becker County is actively working on an additional program to potentially expand the Emergency Business Relief Package to include business that are indirectly impacted by Executive Order 20-99. Prior to this emergency grant program, the County awarded \$847,238 in direct assistance to businesses that were able to demonstrate a year over year loss less any CARES relief grant monies.

Contacts

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