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BECKER COUNTY AWARDS \$390,031 IN GRANTS TO HELP BUSINESS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE STAY HOME ORDER FOR MINNESOTANS AND ANNOUNCES A ROUND 2 – GRANT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE NON-PROFITS

Detroit Lakes, MN - On September 1, 2020, the Becker County Board of Commissioners awarded 23 business at total of \$390,031 in Grants, with an average award of nearly \$17,000. The maximum award given in Round 1 is \$25,000. In total, the County received 46 complete applications. The businesses that qualified all have less than 25 or fewer full-time employees, have a physical establishment and demonstrated a net loss due to COVID from March 1, 2020 through May 30, 2020 over their 2019 earnings. These funds will be used for critical expenses such as payroll obligations, rent or mortgage payments, utilities, accounts payable, or other critical COVID-19 business expenses from March 1, 2020 – November 30, 2020.

“The first grant round was set up for businesses that were directly impacted by the Governor’s stay at home orders, yet failed to receive support from the various grant programs like PPP. Round 2 will take a broader look at the economic impact of COVID and will assist industries, including non-profits, which continue to be impacted even after the stay at home orders have expired,” stated County Board Chairman Ben Grimsley.

Due to the need in Becker County, the Commission have expanded the Grant program to include an additional 3 months’ worth of operations from March 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020. Plus, the Commission will now accept applications from Non-for-Profit entities with either a 501 (C) 3 or 501 (C) 19 Tax-Exempt status under the same criteria as for-profit businesses.

Applications for Round-2 will be accepted online and ending Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Possible Award notices will be made no earlier than Tuesday, September 22, 2020. Complete guidelines, eligibility requirements, and application information can be accessed through the County website at www.co.becker.mn.us.

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