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BECKER COUNTY EXTENDS DEADLINE TO HELP BUSINESS AND NON-PROFITS DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE STAY HOME ORDER FOR MINNESOTANS

Detroit Lakes, MN - On September 22, 2020, the Becker County Board of Commissioners extended the deadline for the Becker County CARES Grant applications to 11:59 pm on Monday, October 12, 2020. This was done to ensure that everyone has the time they need to submit a complete application. For-profit businesses and non-profit businesses with a 501 (C) 3 or 501 (C) 19 Tax-Exempt status with 30 or fewer full-time employees who have a physical establishment in Becker County and meet certain criteria could receive grant money in the amount of their net losses due to COVID from March 1, 2020 and August 31, 2020. The applicant must be directly impacted by the Governors Executive Order and COVID-19. These funds would 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 maximum award for the grant will be based on funds available and documented need of the applicant.

“Round 2 takes a broader look at the economic impact of COVID and has assisted industries, including non-profits, impacted after the stay at home orders have expired,” stated County Board Chairman Ben Grimsley.

The State of Minnesota guidelines for Becker County is to provide \$420,000 in business grants. Due to the economic disruption, the Becker County Commissioners have more than double that amount. In total the County has obligated \$1,000,000 worth of funds to Becker County Businesses and Non-Profits.

“Federal guidelines prohibit the County from creating a program that is a revenue replacement program. The County CARES Grant program that is created, is designed to refund expenses related to COVID-19 that have been incurred. The program works very similar to receiving a tax refund based on receipts,” stated County Administrator Mike Brethorst.

The Becker County CARES application can be found on the Becker County website: <https://www.co.becker.mn.us/>. All grant applications must be submitted no later than 11:59 pm on Monday, October 12, 2020. This is likely the last extension to the program, due to State of Minnesota guidelines that all documentation must be completed no later than December 1, 2020.

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