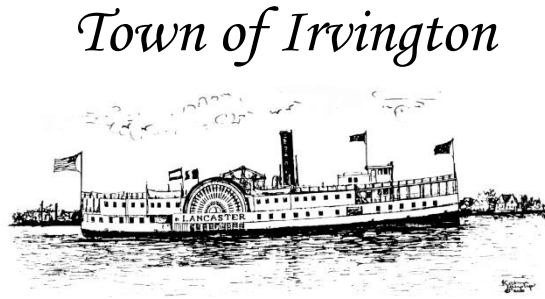


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## Town of Irvington Creates Irvington CARES Small Business Grant Program

The Town of Irvington has established a \$10,000 grant fund to support small business recovery following the COVID-19 outbreak. Grants of up to \$1,000 will be provided to small businesses to offset business interruption costs during the pandemic. The program will award grants to eligible business on a first-come, first-served basis and only for-profit businesses located within the town's corporate limits will be eligible for the grant program.

The money comes from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. (CRF) that was created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). The U.S. Treasury guidance allows the use of CRF dollars for expenditures "related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of businesses interruption caused by required closures." Irvington has elected to use part of the Town's allocation of CRF funds to help preserve small business in Irvington providing grants to eligible businesses.

The grant program is possible through a partnership between the Town of Irvington and Lancaster County Economic Development Authority (EDA). "We are appreciative of the EDA's efforts in helping us get the CRF money to our small businesses," said, Mayor Bugg. "As a town, we cannot grant or loan money directly to businesses, so this partnership is vital. This grant program is part of the Town of Irvington Small Business Grant Program campaign to support businesses and residents during this pandemic."

The Town of Irvington will start accepting applications on November 18 at 9:00 am. Applications may be submitted via email. While many businesses will be eligible for the program, there are some categories of business or organizations that will not be eligible. Businesses must be current on all county and town taxes and fees as of the date of the application. Other Ineligible businesses include:

**INELIGIBLE BUSINESSES/ORGANIZATIONS:**

- Independent contractors operating multilevel or network marketing business (such as Avon, Mary Kay, etc.)
- Independent contractors working on gig platforms (such as Airbnb, Uber, Lyft, etc.)
- Home-based businesses
- Nonprofit organizations
- Banks, businesses engaged with speculation or real estate
- Businesses not physically located within the Town of Irvington corporate limits

**TIMELINE:**

1. Start of Applications: November 18, 2020
2. Close of Applications: November 24, 2020
3. Application Review: November 30, 2020 – December 4, 2020
4. Forward of Approved List to EDA for Disbursements: December 4, 2020
5. Announcement to Business of Approval: December 7, 2020
6. Disbursement Date: December 7, 2020

For information regarding the Town of Irvington CARES Small Business Grant, please contact Sharon Phillips, Town Clerk, [sphillips@town.irvington.va.us](mailto:sphillips@town.irvington.va.us)