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### **DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL APPROVES SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM** *Program Designed to Support Small Businesses Impacted by COVID-19*

**DUBLIN, Calif., December 11, 2020** – To help mitigate the severe impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and related health orders on small businesses, the Dublin City Council approved the establishment of a Small Business Recovery Grant Program. The objective of the program is to offer financial assistance for recovery efforts for businesses forced to shift their operations to adhere to the continually changing county and state guidelines.

The program provides a reimbursement grant of up to \$10,000 to eligible small businesses for expenses incurred related to the COVID-19 pandemic; the grant does not need to be repaid. Funding for the grant program will come from the City's General Fund undesignated reserves account.

Eligible businesses include, but are not limited to, retail, restaurant, personal care services, fitness, tutoring centers, indoor recreation, and family entertainment centers, and must meet the following requirements:

- Be a brick and mortar business located in Dublin
- Have an active City of Dublin business license
- Be an independently owned business, not a corporately held business
- Be in good standing with the City and currently operating (as allowed within current Health Order restrictions)
- Have no more than 50 employees

Businesses not eligible to request or receive financial assistance include, but are not limited to: lending and investment institutions and insurance companies; non-profit entities; hotels; childcare facilities and schools (including preschools); professional services (such as accountants, architects, engineering services, lawyers, etc.); home-based businesses; and chain stores and franchises that are corporately-owned.

To expedite the issuance of funding, the online application process will be as streamlined as possible. Applications will only be accepted online through the City's website and will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2021, or when funding has been exhausted, whichever occurs first.

The City will begin accepting online applications on Friday, December 18, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. For more information about the Dublin Recovery Boost Grant Program, and to apply, please visit the City's website at [www.dublin.ca.gov/recoveryboostgrant](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/recoveryboostgrant).

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