

# COVID-19 UPDATES & INFORMATION

DUBLIN BUSINESS BRIEF



December 28, 2020 Special Notice

## California Small Business Relief Grant Opens Wednesday, December 30th

The California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) is administering a new \$500 million California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program to support small businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19 and the health and safety restrictions. **Applications for Round One will open on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, and close on Friday, January 8, 2021.** Round Two will be announced in the near future.

CalOSBA is working with Lendistry, a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), to distribute these grants and partnering with other CDFIs and small business centers to provide application assistance. To connect to a partner or find more information on the program and requirements, visit [CAReliefGrant.com](https://www.CAReliefGrant.com).

For more information and to review eligibility information, prepare your business documents, and get ready to apply, visit the grant program's [website](#).

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## Webinars about the Small Business Relief Grant

Small Business Majority is hosting a webinar on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. about the state's new \$500 million small business grant program and other capital resources available to entrepreneurs in the state of California.



Topics of discussion include:

- An overview of the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program
- Eligibility requirements
- An overview of the application and required documents
- Federal updates and additional statewide resources
- Q&A session

Register [online](#) for the Small Business Majority webinar.

Additionally, America's Small Business Development Center is hosting bilingual webinars in multiple languages. Register [online](#).

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## Omnibus and Emergency Small Business Relief Package

Over the weekend, President Trump signed the federal Omnibus and Emergency Small Business Relief bills, which re-opens the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for a second round, and makes other changes to PPP that impact eligibility for initial PPP loans, the loan forgiveness process, and the tax treatment of PPP loans.

The relief package also made changes to the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL Program), the Employee Retention Tax Credit, a Venue Grant program, and other Small Business Administration (SBA) loan programs.



To learn more, visit the House Committee on Small Business website for:

- [Small Business Provisions in 2021 Omnibus Section by Section Summary](#)
- [2021 Omnibus Small Business Fact Sheet](#)
- [2021 Omnibus Spending Bill Full Text](#)

Additionally, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce has provided a summary of the changes on its [website](#).

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## The REAL People's Fund

The REAL People's Fund is a new collaboration among six non-profits to finance a just economy in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The group is planning to start distributing \$3 million in loans in Spring 2021 to entrepreneurs of color, formerly incarcerated business owners, and others who may have faced barriers to accessing capital. The Fund will also provide financial advice to help businesses survive the COVID-19 pandemic.



REAL stands for "Revolutionizing Our Economy for All Local People" and the Fund is managed by Community Vision.

For more information, visit Community Vision's [website](#).

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## California Main Street Small Business Tax Credit - Deadline January 15

In September, the state created the Main Street Small Business Tax Credit, which

provides certain California qualified small business employers a hiring credit against California state income taxes or sales and use taxes. Participating businesses must first receive a tentative credit reservation.

The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) is currently accepting applications for tentative small business hiring credit reservation amounts through an online reservation system. Qualified small business employers must apply with the CDTFA for a credit reservation. Credit reservations will be allocated to qualified small business employers on a first-come, first-served basis. The reservation system will be available from December 1, 2020 through January 15, 2021. Within 30 days of receiving an application, CDTFA will notify each applicant via email whether a tentative credit reservation has been allocated to them and the amount of the tentative credit reservation.

To participate in this program, California small businesses must meet the following qualifications:

- Employed 100 or fewer employees as of December 31, 2019, and
- Suffered a 50 percent decrease or more in income tax gross receipts (generally, all income less returns and allowances), when comparing second quarter 2020 to second quarter 2019.

For more information, visit CDTFA's [website](#).

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## Dublin Recovery Boost Grant Program - Still Accepting Applications

Applications are still being accepted for the City of Dublin's Recovery Boost Grant Program (program). The program provides a grant of up to \$10,000 to reimburse eligible small businesses for expenses incurred related to shifting operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The application period started on Friday, December 18, 2020 and applications are being reviewed in the order they are received.



For full program details, including eligibility, as well as resources such as FAQs and a tutorial about the application form, please visit the program's [webpage](#).

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## We Are Here for You

**Happy Holidays! As a reminder, in observance of the New Year holiday, all City facilities will be closed on December 31 and January 1.**

The City of Dublin appreciates our business community and remains committed to being your source for reliable and accessible information and resources.

In addition to the COVID-19 [Business Impacts webpage](#), we have compiled a COVID-19 [Business Resource Guide](#) (PDF, last updated 9/3/2020). Be sure to also visit the City's [COVID-19 webpage](#) with up-to-date information and resources

about the pandemic.

The Economic Development Division team is available via [email](#) or by calling 925-833-6650. Language assistance is available over the phone by request.

The COVID-19 Dublin Business Brief is a publication highlighting the latest news and events affecting the business community. For more information or assistance, please contact the Office of Economic Development via [email](#) or phone (925) 833-6650.

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