**Questions about Application Process:**

Q: When will users receive password and username to be able to complete application?

A: Login information should have been distributed January 6th

Q: If we have technical issues with the application, who/where do we go?

A: For tech related questions, please contact Lendistry By Phone: 1-888-612-4370. By Email: careliefgrant@lendistry.com

Q: What is the definition of an active business?

A: Businesses active would have made a sale by or before June 1, 2019

Q: If I have multiple businesses, can I apply for a grant for all of them?

A: No. You can only apply for one business and should apply for the business that produces the highest revenue.

Q: Would it help our chances of receiving the grant if we applied through multiple partners?

A: You can apply only once through one partner. Applying more than once will slow down your application process.

Q: Does Small Business Development Center (SBDC) charge for their services?

A: No, the Center offers assistance at no cost. Local SBDC can be reached at SBDC@Pasadena.edu

Q: Do you have any recommendations on how to choose a “Partner” while applying?

A: All partners are here to help you at no cost. We encourage you to consider reaching out to your local SBDC to learn more about which is right for you. <https://americassbdc.org/find-your-sbdc/> (Pasadena SBDC email: SBDC@Pasadena.edu)

Q: Can we edit our application after submitting?

A: As of this point, no, you cannot edit after submitting your application.

Q: If I am married and file my taxes jointly, will I need to submit the entire tax return?

A: If you are submitting your schedule C, you will need to submit a copy of all of your tax returns.

Q: Do we put our business address instead of our home address?

A: When the application asks for “owner’s address,” this is for your home address

Q: If I cannot finish my application, will I have to start all over from the beginning the next time I log in?

A: Your application should be saved.

Q: Is the owner/sole proprietor considered an employee?

A: Yes, the business owner would count as an employee.

Q: Are Contractors/1099s considered employees?

A: 1099s/contractors DO NOT count as employees

Q: Are government contractors considered B2B (Business-to-Business)?

A: If you are doing work for another business, yes you would be considered B2B.

Q: For non-profits, is women owned the same as women operated?

A: Yes.

Q: What if I use a PO box for my business’s mail?

A: The application system may not recognize a PO Box as part of a business address.

Q: Does a PPP loan count as COVID-19 related emergency grant?

A: Yes.

Q: Does COVID-19 funding refer to business specific relief, not personal emergency relief?

A: Yes. Business specific only.

Q: Do we include previously earned relief funding as part of our revenue?

A: No, loans or grants received do not count as part of your revenue.

**Questions about Qualifying for Grant Relief:**

Q: What does impacted by COVID-19 mean?

A: Business has been impacted if you had to let go or furlough employees, sales have gone down, close for a period of time. If business went up, you may not qualify.

Q: If I received an Economic Injury Disaster Loan, am I disqualified?

A: No, you are eligible.

Q: Are dispensaries excluded from this grant?

A: Yes, anything that is federal, state or locally deemed illegal, the business will not qualify

Q: Which businesses are qualified for the grant?

A: Contractors, sole props, home based businesses, for profit businesses and non-profit orgs are eligible to apply.

Q: Will businesses be able to apply if they did not file tax information for 2018 or 2019?

A: Application states that applicants need to provide a copy of 2018 or 2019 tax returns

Q: Do therapy licenses qualify as a business license?

A: Yes.

Q: Is Unemployment counted as part of gross income for 2020?

A: No, unemployment is not considered part of your gross income

Q: Can schools apply for the grant?

A: As long as the school meets the eligibility requirements for the grant, they are encouraged to apply

Q: If a business is 50.11% owned by a veteran, can we round up to 51% to qualify?

A: Use your best judgement, if Lendistry has questions, they will follow up with you directly.

Q: Do Businesses need to be certified minority or will self-certification count?

A: Self-Certification is perfectly acceptable. This is about telling us who you are.

Q: Will it hurt my chances of receiving a grant if our schedule C for the business shows a loss for 2019.

A: Still apply; the review board is not looking at loss/profit when they review your taxes

Q: Does grant amount awarded depend on number of employees?

A: No, the grant amount is not based on number of employees but is based on your gross revenue.

Q: If I have already received funding such as EIDL or PPP, can I still qualify?

A: Yes, please apply. There is no conflict if you have already received some form of business relief.

Q: If a business has not made revenue in their Schedule C, will they still qualify for the grant?

A: Revenue in Schedule C is not considered as a factor for receiving the grant. Your gross revenue must be between $1000 and $2,500,000.

**Questions about Using the Grant:**

Q: Will we need to pay back the grant amount received?

A: No, but the grant will be taxable

Q: Can we use the grant funds to cover expenses that incurred prior to receiving Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funds between March 2020 through June 2020?

A: You can use the grant funds to cover expenses that are as of March 1, 2020, and have *not* already been covered by the PPP funds.

Q: If I used the PPP funds for payroll for a specific time-period, am I able to use the grant funds for payroll of a different time-period?

A: Correct. As long as it is not the same time-period for the payroll, you may use the grant funds for payroll.

Q: Can I pay contractors/1099s with the grant funds earned?

A: Yes, but they must not be counted as employees because they are 1099/contractors.