City of Yuma COVID-19 Small Business Grant Relief Program

The City of Yuma is offering small business relief grants in the amounts of $1,500 (Type 1), $2,500 (Type 2), $5,000 (Type 3), $7,500 (Type 4), and $10,000 (Type 5) to local small businesses experiencing economic distress and sudden loss of revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic and closures compliant with Governor Doug Ducey’s Executive Orders.

Small business relief grants are intended to help for-profit small businesses keep employees on payroll and meet other necessary operating costs. To apply, businesses must be located within the City of Yuma.

Applying for the grant does not guarantee that funding will be awarded, and each business entity may only apply once. Grants will be awarded on a continual basis until funding is exhausted or the grant period ends.

This program may be modified or extended by the City based on applications and available funds. All definitions and interpretations shall be consistent with the Arizona Governor’s Executive Orders and related Guidance.

Eligibility Requirements

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Qualifications

To qualify, small businesses must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Be a Type 1-5 Business as defined below:
   a. Type 1 Businesses will be eligible for relief grants of up to $1,500 and includes: Hair Salon and Barber Shop Businesses; Massage Therapy, Nail, Tanning, and Spa Salon Establishments; Tubing Operating Businesses and Water Parks; and Tattoo Parlor Businesses
   b. Type 2 Businesses will be eligible for relief grants of up to $2,500 and includes: Restaurants with no indoor nor fully-enclosed dining (as of July 15, 2020), and Movie Theaters
   c. Type 3 Businesses will be eligible for relief grants of up to $5,000 and includes: Restaurants with indoor or fully-enclosed dining, Fitness Clubs or Indoor Gyms with less than 4,500 square ft. of space, Fitness Centers/Facilities/Study/Studios that provide sessions/classes/training for Self-Defense, Dance, Pilates, CrossFit, Fitness, Yoga or Gymnastics
d. Type 4 Businesses will be eligible for relief grants of up to $7,500 and includes:
   Bars

e. Type 5 Businesses will be eligible for relief grants of up to $10,000 and includes:
   Fitness Clubs or Indoor Gyms with more than 4,500 square ft. of space;

2. Occupy and own or lease a commercial real property as its principal place of business inside the City of Yuma city limits;

3. Gross total revenues declined as a result of COVID-19 and business was closed for more than 10 days in compliance with the following Governor's Executive Orders: 2020-09, 2020-12, 2020-18, 2020-36, 2020-40, 2020-43, 2020-47;

4. Active City of Yuma business license in good standing issued to a City of Yuma address prior to February 1, 2020;

5. Employ 50 or fewer full-time equivalents (FTE) as of March 1, 2020;

6. No more than $2 million in gross revenues between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019;

7. Verification that the business has already applied for other state or federal relief (Type 1 Businesses are exempt from this requirement);

8. Ability to share with City of Yuma information demonstrating the economic impact of this grant program, including but not limited to, jobs retained, jobs created, increased sales, and access to capital; and

9. Not have any active enforcement actions against the business by the City of Yuma.

Additional COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grants Information
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For general questions about the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grants, please email YumaCares@YumaAz.gov.