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### **EDCIC now accepting Small-Business Grant Applications**

April 7, 2020 – Governor Jay Inslee announced this afternoon, a new Working Washington Small Business Emergency Grant program to assist small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. Up to \$5 million in funds are provided through the Governor's Strategic Reserve Fund and administered by the State Department of Commerce. The grant program will provide a limited number of small businesses up to 10 employees in Washington's 39 counties with a grant up to \$10,000.

The EDCIC has been asked by Commerce to prioritize applications from Island County businesses on the severity of the impact the business is facing due to COVID-19, including from being forced to close by the government-mandated closures, social distancing measures, or illness. A diverse taskforce of business owners and community leaders has been established to help EDCIC prioritize the applications.

Visit the [State Department of Commerce's WWSBEG page](#) to download the application. There you can read all the eligibility requirements and the application process. If you are an island County business, submit your application to the EDCIC at [business@edcislandcounty.org](mailto:business@edcislandcounty.org). Awards will be approved on a case-by-case basis and are dependent on the availability of funds.

Note that payroll cannot be reimbursed via WWSBEG.

### **The EDCIC is open for business**

Our operations will continue as we work to keep our resources up to date, offer consultations, and direct inquiries to the proper channels. Keep an eye on our [COVID-19 webpage](#) and please contact the EDCIC at [business@edcislandcounty.org](mailto:business@edcislandcounty.org) or (360) 678-6889 with any questions, thoughts or ideas during this very difficult time.

### **If you haven't done so yet, please complete our COVID-19 Economic Survey.**

The clearer the picture we can gather on the economic impact in Island County, the better we can align our efforts and resources to the changing landscape of COVID-19.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M6RDSTW>

Best,

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