City of Langley
Small Business Relief Grant

APPLICATION GUIDE

CARES Grant Program Assistance
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(Langley Chamber of Commerce)
Good day, City of Langley Small Businesses!

The City of Langley and Island County are deeply concerned about the economy of Whidbey and Camano Island and the impact that the COVID-19 crisis has had on our small business owners and their families. Our City and County leadership have partnered with the Langley Chamber of Commerce and Langley Main Street Association to bring you the City of Langley Small Business Relief Grant Program 2020 for businesses that operate within the city limits.

The City of Langley will be administering this program via interagency agreements with the Department of Commerce* and Island County with the assistance of the Langley Chamber of Commerce and Langley Main Street Association.

The following guide will help answer questions about the grant process and provide the Department of Commerce (DOC) requirements. Please be sure to review the entire guide thoroughly. The agreement requires contract recipients to abide by the contents of this guide and the contents will be part of the contract grant recipients are required to sign in order to receive the grant funding.

This guide is also available on the City of Langley’s website at www.langleywa.org. To help streamline this process, please direct any inquiries regarding this application process to the City of Langley CARES Grant Program Assistance Coordinator at the Langley Chamber of Commerce at cares@langleywa.org or call 360-221-6765.

We look forward to the positive impact that this grant program will have on our local economy.

Respectfully,

Mayor Tim Callison and Commissioner Helen Price-Johnson

*Funds under the Contract are made available and are subject to Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), and Title V and VI of the CARES Act.

The Contractor agrees that any publications (written, visual, or sound) but excluding press releases, newsletters, and issue analyses, issued by the Contractor describing programs or projects funded in whole or in part with federal funds under this Contract, shall contain the following statements:

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ELIGIBILITY

This grant is for businesses with 50 or less full-time equivalent (FTE) employees (a sole proprietor can be considered an employee) that conduct business within the Langley city limits in Island County District 1. Applicants must have been in business for at least one year as of March 1, 2020. This funding is not intended to help launch a business, but to support existing businesses who are/were impacted by Stay Home, Stay Healthy orders. Non-profit organizations are eligible for this grant.

Key requirements of the Department of Commerce to award these grant funds are that the expenses:

- Are connected to the COVID-19 emergency
- Are necessary
- Are not funded through another budget line item, allotment, or allocation as of March 27, 2020
- Wouldn’t exist without COVID-19 OR would be for a substantially different purpose

ELIGIBLE & INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Eligible expenses include operational outlays including expenses to comply with public health guidelines, the purchase of takeout/delivery packaging and serving material/supplies, lease payments, utilities, and other costs/expenses directly related to COVID-19 business interruption.
- Ineligible expenses include payroll costs, fuel costs for delivery, lost income, and, other costs that cannot be directly traced to COVID-19. Any expenses that were already reimbursed or paid for through other grant or loan programs.

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE

The City of Langley will be distributing up to $55,000 from Island County’s allocation of the Local Government Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) thru the Washington State Department of Commerce to small businesses within Langley city limits. This project was supported by a grant awarded by the US Department of the Treasury.

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GRANT AWARDS

Grant awards are in the amount of $2,000 or less. Identifying eligible expenses and amounts on the grant application will determine the appropriate grant award. Depending on the response to this program, not all applicants may receive an award or an applicant may receive less funding than requested. After reviewing all applications, additional unspent funds will be awarded to other grant applicants on the waiting list, if applicable.

Businesses with multiple locations in more than one area of Island County are not allowed to apply for grants from more than one area.

WAITING LIST

Due to the limited amount of available funds and number of businesses wanting to apply for funds, the list of eligible recipients may include a list of businesses who are on a wait list for grant dollars.
REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Please keep in mind that this grant program is a reimbursement program. If you are awarded a grant, you must then comply with the contract requirements, and submit qualifying expenses with proof of payment for reimbursement. Details of reimbursement process will be included with the contract.

APPLICATION PROCESS

For the quickest processing, the City of Langley Small Business Relief Grant Application can be completed online at the following address:


Or print and fill out the application within this guide, save, and send via email to cares@langleywa.org or print out and mail application to:

City of Langley
Attn: CARES Grant Coordinator
PO Box 366
Langley, WA 98260

The deadline for submission of applications is 5pm, Friday, July 24, 2020 at 5pm.

If you have any questions about the requirements specified in the application process, please refer to the Coronavirus Relief Funds for Local Governments Program Guidelines produced by the DOC.

If you are still unclear, email the CARES Grant Project Assistance coordinator at cares@langleywa.org or 360-221-6765.

If you submit your application online, once your application is received, the CARES Grant Project Assistance coordinator will email you a PDF copy of your completed application. Feel free to email cares@langleywa.org upon submission of the form to alert staff you have completed the application.

GRANT AWARDS TIMELINE

The following is an overview of the grant process. Please note that the timeline is subject to change. Check the city website for updates.

- Langley City Council approved grant program on July 6, 2020.
- First day grant applications can be submitted for consideration is July 8, 2020.
- Closing date for grant applications to be submitted is July 24, 2020 at 5pm.
- Selection Committee review of applicants and selection of awardee recommendations by July 31, 2020.
- City Council will approval of grant awardees on August 3, 2020.
- Contract signing with grant awardees approved by the City Council by August 7, 2020 through City finance department.
- Grant awardees submission of expenses and proof of payments for reimbursement along with all required contract documentation due on or before September 30, 2020.
# City of Langley Small Business Relief Grant Application

**Company Name:**

**Address:**

City:  State: WA  Zip Code:  

**In Operation for at Least 1 Year as of March 1, 2020?**

- [ ] Yes  - [ ] No  

**UBI Number:**  **EIN Number:**

**Company Owner**

Name:  

Email:  

Phone:  

**Industry Sector:**

- [ ] Restaurant/Food Business  - [ ] Hospitality  - [ ] Retail  - [ ] Manufacturing  - [ ] Construction  - [ ] Other: ________________

**Has your business been affected by emergency public health protections in place and/or mandatory closure by executive order due to COVID-19?**

- [ ] Yes  - [ ] No

**Amount of Reimbursement Grant Being Requested (not to exceed $2,000):**

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## COMPANY BACKGROUND

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<th>Total Number of Full-time Equivalent Employees (FTE), including yourself, as of 01/2020:</th>
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**Business Structure (LLC, S Corp, Sole Proprietor, etc):**

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**Company Description:**

Describe the company and its products/services:

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**Economic Impact:**

Describe the effect of the public health crisis on the business:

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Explain the use of funds.

Funds from this grant must be used to help promote public welfare and are aimed at assisting small businesses with the costs of business interruption caused by required closures due to COVID-19. This grant may be used to reimburse eligible expenses incurred after March 1, 2020 (see the Grant Program Guidelines for a listing of eligible expenses). A paid invoice or receipt for eligible expenses must be provided to the City of Langley (reporting documentation will be provided) in order to receive reimbursement. In the space below provide an itemized list of proposed expenses this grant will fund and approximate amounts. Do not include expenses reimbursed under other loan or grant programs.

Payroll cannot be reimbursed via this grant program. Please direct all payroll needs to Employment Security Department.

Additional Information

Currently, is the company facing any pending litigation or legal action?

Has the company had any compliance/regulatory issues within Washington or other state you are, or have, done business in?
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CARES Act Funds for Local Governments In Washington State

Administered by the Department of Commerce
Local Government Division

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General Information

1. Source of Funds

You have been awarded funds through the state’s Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF). The funds are available under section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”).

Your grant is funded entirely through the federal stimulus funding under the CARES Act provided by the U.S. Department of Treasury (US Treasury) to the Governor via the Office of Financial Management (OFM).

On April 27, 2020 Governor Inslee announced the award of nearly $300 million to local governments in CRF from the state's allocation of the CARES Act funding.

2. Allocation Formula

OFM developed the allocation methodology and determined the jurisdiction amounts. The allocations were based on 2019 population estimates for each jurisdiction.

Funds will be provided to cities and counties with populations under 500,000 that were ineligible to receive direct funding under the CARES Act. Each county will receive a minimum distribution of $250,000 and each city will receive a minimum distribution of $25,000.

Cities and counties with populations over 500,000 did not receive a direct allocation from the state. Instead these jurisdictions received a direct allocation from the US Treasury (i.e. city of Seattle, King Co., Pierce Co., Snohomish Co., etc.).

For a complete list of cities and counties and their allocations, click [here](#).

3. Period of Performance

The Coronavirus Relief Funds may only be used for costs incurred by local governments in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency during the period of March 1, 2020 thru October 31, 2020.

The [US Treasury’s Guidance](#) provides an end date of December 30, 2020. This is the end date in which the state must have reimbursed all “recipients of the funds” (grantees) their costs incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency. In order to allow time for Commerce to process final payments and conduct contract closeouts; and for OFM to fully utilize any unspent funds before they expire, expenditures are only being accepted on costs incurred through October 31, 2020.

*All final requests for reimbursement must be submitted no later than November 15, 2020.*

4. Intended Use

Under the CARES Act, the Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) may be used to cover costs that:

1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19); AND

2. Are NOT accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or local government. The “most recently
approved” budget refers to the enacted budget for the relevant fiscal period for the particular government. A cost meets this requirement if:

a) The cost cannot lawfully be funded using a line item, allotment, or allocation within that budget; OR

b) The cost is for a substantially different use from any expected use of funds in such a line item, allotment, or allocation.

3. A cost is not considered to have been accounted for in a budget merely because it could be met using a budgetary stabilization fund, rainy day fund, or similar reserve account.

Funds may NOT be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute. Although a broad range of uses is allowed, revenue replacement is not a permissible use of Fund payments.

The use of these funds are very broad and flexible, and can be used for both operating and capital expenditures.

If funds are being used for capital expenditures such as acquisition of real property or construction / renovation costs, please contact us immediately. We will provide you with further information and guidance. Utilizing CRF for these purposes will require additional Federal and state provisions being applied to the project such as:

- All projects must be reviewed under a Federal Section 106 review for archaeological and cultural resources if the project: acquires property, disturbs ground, and/or involves structures more than 50 years old. Grantees must submit documentation to the project manager when the review is complete. Section 106 supersedes the Governor’s Executive Order 05-05 review.

- Construction / renovation projects may be required to meet high-performance building standards and document they have entered the state’s LEED certification process.

- Construction / renovation projects will be required to follow Federal Davis Bacon and state prevailing wage laws, rules, and regulations.

Additionally, grantees must ensure all capital expenditures are only for costs incurred through the limited timeframe of March 1, 2020 thru October 31, 2020.

5. Eligible costs

There are six (6) primary eligible cost categories. These cost categories and their eligible cost subcategories are as follows:

1. Medical expenses such as:

   - COVID-19-related expenses of public hospitals, clinics, and similar facilities.
   - Expenses of establishing temporary public medical facilities and other measures to increase COVID-19 treatment capacity, including related construction costs.
   - Costs of providing COVID-19 testing, including serological testing.
   - Emergency medical response expenses, including emergency medical transportation, related to COVID-19.
• Expenses for establishing and operating public telemedicine capabilities for COVID-19-related treatment.

2. **Public health expenses** such as:
   • Expenses for communication and enforcement by State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments of public health orders related to COVID-19.
   • Expenses for acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment, for medical personnel, police officers, social workers, child protection services, and child welfare officers, direct service providers for older adults and individuals with disabilities in community settings, and other public health or safety workers in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.
   • Expenses for disinfection of public areas and other facilities, e.g., nursing homes, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
   • Expenses for technical assistance to local authorities or other entities on mitigation of COVID-19-related threats to public health and safety.
   • Expenses for public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19.
   • Expenses for quarantining individuals.

3. **Payroll expenses** for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

4. **Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures**, such as:
   • Expenses for food delivery to residents, including, for example, senior citizens and other vulnerable populations, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
   • Expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closings to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions.
   • Expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
   • Expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
   • COVID-19-related expenses of maintaining state prisons and county jails, including as relates to sanitation and improvement of social distancing measures, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
   • Expenses for care for homeless populations provided to mitigate COVID-19 effects and enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.

5. **Expenses associated with the provision of economic support** in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency, such as:
   • Expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures.
   • Expenditures related to a state, territorial, local, or Tribal government payroll support program.
   • Unemployment insurance costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency if such costs will not be reimbursed by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act or otherwise.
6. **Any other COVID-19-related expenses** reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the Fund’s eligibility criteria.

6. **Ineligible costs**

Non-allowable expenditures include, but are not limited to:

1. Expenses for the state share of Medicaid.
2. Damages covered by insurance.
3. Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
4. Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program, such as the reimbursement by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act of contributions by states to state unemployment funds.
5. Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services.
6. Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime.
7. Severance pay.
8. Legal settlements.

7. **Eligible cost test**

Grantees are charged with determining whether or not an expense is eligible based on the [US Treasury's Guidance](#) and as provided in the grantee’s contract scope of work with Commerce.

To assist grantees with this determination, Commerce has developed an eligibility cost test. This test gives each grantee full authority to make the appropriate call for each circumstance.

**TEST** – If all responses for the particular incurred cost are “true” for all five statements below, then a jurisdiction can feel confident the cost is eligible:

1. The expense is connected to the COVID-19 emergency.
2. The expense is “necessary”.
3. The expense is not filling a short fall in government revenues.
4. The expense is not funded thru another budget line item, allotment or allocation, as of March 27, 2020.
5. The expense wouldn’t exist without COVID-19 OR would be for a “substantially different” purpose.

It is the responsibility of each grantee to define “necessary” or “substantially different”, giving the grantee the authority and flexibility to make their own determination.

**Additional consideration** – The intent of these funds is to help jurisdictions cover the immediate impacts of the COVID-19 emergency. Both direct costs to the jurisdiction and costs to their communities. There are many possible eligible costs.

Many costs are clearly eligible and others are in more of a grey area. One could probably justify some of the “grey area” costs based on the test, but are they directly addressing the immediate impacts? Possibly not. In these situations it may be safer and more appropriate to utilize the funds in one of the many other eligible cost categories that more clearly meet the intent of the funds. Again, each grantee has the full authority to make the final call based on their circumstances and justification.
8. Cost reimbursement

Funds are available on a reimbursement basis only, and cannot be advanced under any circumstances. If funds are being used for the acquisition of real property or construction / renovation costs, please contact us immediately. Reimbursable costs are those that a Grantee has already incurred. We may only reimburse grantees for eligible costs incurred in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency during the period of March 1, 2020 thru October 31, 2020.

**Final Date of Reimbursements**

In order to ensure all awardees and their costs incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency are paid out by December 30, 2020 per the US Treasury's Guidance, expenditures are only being accepted on costs incurred through October 31, 2020.

*All final requests for reimbursement must be submitted no later than November 15, 2020.*

Grantees will not be required to submit a proposed budget prior to contract execution. Grantees will have the discretion and flexibility to determine where these funds may best serve their communities.

Each grantee will determine eligible costs to submit for reimbursement. For reporting purposes, expenditures must be tracked at the sub-category level for the six (6) primary eligible cost categories, as follows:

1. Medical Expenses
   A. Public hospitals, clinics, and similar facilities
   B. Temporary public medical facilities & increased capacity
   C. COVID-19 testing, including serological testing
   D. Emergency medical response expenses
   E. Telemedicine capabilities
   F. Other

2. Public Health Expenses
   A. Communication and enforcement of public health measures
   B. Medical and protective supplies, including sanitation and PPE
   C. Disinfecting public areas and other facilities
   D. Technical assistance on COVID-19 threat mitigation
   E. Public safety measures undertaken
   F. Quarantining individuals
   G. Other

3. Payroll expenses for public employees dedicated to COVID-19
   A. Public Safety
   B. Public Health
   C. Health Care
   D. Human Services
   E. Economic Development
   F. Other

4. Expenses to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 measures
   A. Food access and delivery to residents
   B. Distance learning tied to school closings
   C. Telework capabilities of public employees
5. Economic Supports
   A. Small Business Grants for business interruptions
   B. Payroll Support Programs
   C. Other

6. Other COVID-19 Expenses

No receipts or proof of payment for costs incurred will be required to be submitted to Commerce. Grantees are still required to maintain sufficient accounting records in accordance with state and federal laws. Monitoring visits may be scheduled.
Process and Procedure to Obtain Funds

1. Award Letter

Commerce strives to administer funds expeditiously and with a minimum of red tape. We do so within the policies and procedures established by the US Treasury and state’s Legislature, OFM, Commerce, and the Office of the Attorney General. Prior to receiving funds, a contract will need to be executed with Commerce.

Award letters with instructions to initiate the contracting process will be emailed to each city and county receiving an allocation by no later than May 22nd. Emails to cities will be sent to mayors and any other contacts obtained with the assistance of the Association of Washington Cities. Emails to counties will be sent to the county commissioners and any other contacts obtained with the assistance of the Washington State Association of Counties.

Included with the award letter will be:

- CRF Program Guidelines
- A draft contract template for review and to initiate the public process for authorization to execute once the final contract is available for execution
- Working Papers

2. Working papers

Your grant award packet includes Working Papers. The Working Papers ask for basic information needed to create a contract:

- Contact information for the person who will administer the grant once the contract is signed. Grant documents and correspondence will be sent to this person.
- Your Statewide Vendor Number (SWV#)
- Your Federal Indirect Rate
- Your fiscal year end date
- Name and title for the person authorized by the jurisdiction to sign the contract

Please complete and return the Working Papers to the Commerce project manager identified in the award letter as soon as possible, even if you do not plan to begin drawing your funds for a while. Your project manager will manage your contract until project completion. Feel free to give us a call if you have any questions as you fill out the form (see contact information on previous page).

3. Contract

Once the completed Working Papers have been received by the Commerce project manager identified in the award letter, a contract will be prepared and sent to you for signature. Have the authorized representative sign the contract and then return a scanned pdf copy to your project manager. Then the project manager will route the contract for Commerce’s signature. It generally takes two to four weeks to fully execute a contract. Once executed by Commerce a fully executed copy will be scanned and a pdf copy emailed to the jurisdiction and you will have access to your funds.

Commerce is working to make the contracting process as quick and easy as possible.
4. Reimbursements

This is a reimbursement-style grant, meaning no advance payments. Funds are available once a contract is executed. All grantees are required to set up a SWV number so funds may be sent electronically. Grantees have the flexibility to cash out their grant or draw down funds as frequently as once a month as long as you have incurred documented eligible costs in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency during the period of March 1, 2020 thru October 31, 2020. All final requests for reimbursement must be submitted no later than November 15, 2020.

Commerce has moved to electronic vouchering through their Contracts Management System (CMS) Online A-19 Portal. Requests for reimbursement must be submitted online through the CMS System by an individual authorized by the Grantee’s organization. Online electronic vouchering provides for grantees to receive reimbursements as quickly as possible. Grantees with barriers to using the online A-19 portal, may request an A-19 form from their Commerce project manager.

Access to CMS is available through the Secure Access Washington (SAW) portal. You will need to create a SAW account if you do not already have one. Please find detailed instructions here: Office of Financial Management. It may take up to three weeks after you submit this information for an electronic transfer account to be set up. We will automatically receive your SWV number from the office that sets them up.

Once logged into SAW, add the Department of Commerce to your ‘services’ and submit an Online A-19 External User Request form. Then Commerce will add you as a new external user in CMS; and the CMS system will generate and email a registration code to you to complete the CMS registration.

For additional grantee support, refer to the Commerce Online A-19 Webpage for External Users, which includes SAW resources and the CMS manual for external users.

The A-19 voucher must include a detailed breakdown of the costs incurred within each eligible budget category and the total reportable eligible expenses in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Accompanying with each voucher must be an executed A-19 certification and A-19 activity report. Incomplete or improperly prepared submissions may result in payment delays. After receipt and acceptance of a fully completed A-19 voucher submittal, grantees can expect electronic reimbursements within 7-10 days.

No receipts or proof of payment for costs incurred will be required to be submitted to Commerce. Grantees are still required to maintain sufficient accounting records in accordance with state and federal laws; and are responsible for maintaining clear and accurate program records, and making them accessible to Commerce and the State Auditor.

Monitoring visits may be scheduled.

5. A-19 Certification and Activity Report

In order to receive reimbursement for eligible expenses incurred, each A-19 Voucher must include:

1. A completed A-19 Certification:
   - An individual authorized to execute on behalf of the local government must certify by signing this document under penalty of perjury that the items and costs listed herein and on the accompanying Commerce A-19 Voucher are eligible charges for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency that were not previously accounted for in the most recent approved budget as of March 27, 2020,
and that the funds were used in accordance with section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act").

   - Must be submitted as an Excel spreadsheet, not a PDF.
   - Include a detailed breakdown of the individual eligible expenditures reported by each sub-category of the six (6) primary budget categories. Each primary budget category includes sub-categories and provides an option to add “other” sub-categories.
   - Include the total amount of all previous reimbursement requests for each applicable sub-category.
   - Include the total amount of funds being requested in the current reimbursement request for each applicable sub-category.
   - Include a brief description of the use of the funds being requested for each applicable sub-category. Keep descriptions as concise as possible, but include adequate context to demonstrate how these funds addressed the COVID-19 emergency. If applicable, please consider:
     - Providing a brief description of the specific activities performed.
     - Identifying specific populations served.
     - Identifying specific programs created or utilized.
     - Including any known or intended outcomes, results, or community impacts.

A certification and activity report must be completed and returned with each reimbursement voucher.

After the contract is executed, you will receive additional instructions on how to submit electronic reimbursement requests with the A-19 certification and A-19 activity report.