

SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE GREENE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

The Greene County Small Business Assistance program provides grants to eligible small businesses, home-based businesses and gig workers that were impacted by COVID-19. The grants do not have to be repaid.

While the pandemic may be over, the negative consequences are still being felt. Small businesses, home-based businesses and gig workers that can demonstrate the existence of negative impacts incurred as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency may apply. The negative economic impact must exceed the total amount of any federal, state, or local grants received by the applicant.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE GREENE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS ASSITANCE PROGRAM?

Small businesses, home-based businesses, and gig workers located in Greene County, Missouri, that can demonstrate the existence of negative impacts incurred as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency may apply for the non-repayable awards.

WHEN DOES THE APPLICATION PROCESS BEGIN/END?

The application portal opens on 9-13-2023 and will remain open until 10-4-2023

HOW MUCH ARE THE GRANT AWARDS?

Small businesses may apply for a grant of up to \$49,999.99. A business's eligible award amount is determined by a grant calculator within the application and the number of employees employed by the business.

DO I HAVE TO PAY BACK THE GRANT?

No. Recipients do not have to pay back the grant.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR GREENE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE?

Greene County small businesses, home-based businesses, and gig workers may apply to the program by visiting https://arp.greenecountymo.gov. The application portal opens on 9-13-2023.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO APPLY IF I RECEIVED FUNDING FROM THE CARES ACT, THE 2022 GREENE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM, OR HAD PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP) LOANS FORGIVEN?

Yes, but your financial documentation must include this information. Applicants will not be able to receive more than \$49,999.99 of Greene County small business assistance.

IS THERE A STIPULATION ON HOW THE GRANT FUNDS CAN BE USED?

The program funding can be used for business expenses related to the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic such as employee wages, mortgage, rent, vendor invoices, utility bills, payroll, and other costs.

WILL I BE ABLE TO REFERENCE MY PREVIOUS APPLICATION IF I APPLIED FOR THIS PROGRAM LAST YEAR?

Yes. Your login information for the application portal will remain the same if you created a profile during the last application period. You will be able to access your old application once you log in to your account.