Small Business Rental Assistance

During recent emergency orders put in place by Nevada Governor, Steve Sisolak, a number of businesses were forced to close or limit operations. These restrictions and closures made it difficult for businesses to generate the revenue needed to cover existing obligations. Many businesses were forced to make hard decisions on what bills to pay. Paying rent was generally at the bottom of most lists and often became the first casualty. Many tenants and landlords worked together to outline rent deferral plans, but deferments still leave a debt obligation which may be difficult for small businesses to overcome during these challenging times. Clark County understands that commercial rent payments play two roles within our economy; 1) keeping the paying business open and in its operating space and 2) supporting the landlord’s ability to make the space available as a building owner. Clark County has developed a commercial rental assistance program to help tenants stay in place and help landlords keep tenants. Commercial tenants, in conjunction with their landlords, operating within Clark County now have access to grant dollars to cover up to $10,000 in back rent.

Grant Award: up to $10,000 (actual rent arrears)

Grant Uses: Payment of past due rent direct to the landlord

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must have 20 or less full-time employees as of March 15, 2020 (sole proprietors are eligible)
- Must have an active business license in Clark County or respective jurisdiction
- Must not have received any federal loans or grant dollars (SBA EIDL, PPP, etc.)
- Must not have received or anticipate receiving grant dollars from an incorporated city
  - Henderson, North Las Vegas, Boulder City, Mesquite
- Must not have received any funds from the Clark County Small Business Stabilization Grant
- Must have a physical commercial location (no home-based businesses)
- Must have been in business for at least 6-months prior to March 15, 2020
- Must have an actual financial hardship (financial statements from previous 6 months will be reviewed)
- Must have a valid lease agreement not due to expire before December 31, 2020
- Must not have any federal, state or county tax liens
- Tenants landlord must be willing to participate

Non-eligible Businesses:

- Businesses already in receipt of or approved for federal loans and grants
- Businesses already in receipt of funds from the Clark County Small Business Stabilization Grant
- Businesses in receipt of or anticipating grant dollars from an incorporated city
  - Henderson, North Las Vegas, Boulder City, Mesquite
- Businesses within Incorporated City of Las Vegas
- Home-based businesses
- Adult Oriented Businesses
- Cannabis Related Businesses
- Massage Parlors
- Liquor Stores
- Bail Bonds
- Check Cashing Facilities
- Payday Loan and other Short-Term Loan Operators
- Convenience Stores
• Non-profit Organizations
• State & Federal Certified Labor Unions

Award Guidelines:
• Documented past due rent
• Landlord willing to accept payment and suspend (or not engage) any eviction actions for 90 days after payment.
• Lottery system

Application Acceptance: Application Acceptance Window, 5 days TBD

Items Needed for Application: (may be revised)
• Clark County Grant Application form (will be available soon)
• Hardship Statement (including 2020 financials):
  o Summary of business operations prior to COVID-19 and what has happened since, including 2020 financials
• W-9 Request for taxpayer Identification Number and Certification
• Copy of active business license(s)
• Copy of executed lease agreement
• Invoice or statements showing past due rent amount