



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: City of Yakima CARES Grants for Non-Profits**

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## **Second Round of Yakima CARES Funds Available for Non-Profits**

The City of Yakima has dedicated \$1.4 million in grant funds to assist non-profit corporations in the city limits.

Funding is through a second round of grants the City received from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

The Yakima City Council has set aside the funds to provide non-profit corporations short-term assistance and aid with costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Non-profits must be located in the Yakima city limits and have a federal tax-exempt status to be eligible.

The first priority will be non-profit corporations which have a contractual relationship with the City. Those organizations may receive up to \$30,000.

Other non-profit applicants will be prioritized as follows:

- Non-profit corporations which provided services to the community during the pandemic may apply to receive up to \$10,000 and have second priority.
- Non-profit corporations which did not provide services to the community during the pandemic may apply to receive \$10,000 and have third priority.

Applications and additional information are available in English and Spanish at

<https://www.yakimawa.gov/media/yakima-cares-grants/>

Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, to be considered for the second round of rankings and awards.

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, the Yakima City Council approved an agreement for the Yakima County Development Association (YCDA) to assist in administering the grant funds.

Non-profits interested in applying for round two of the CARES grant can contact YCDA at 575-1140 if they have questions or need assistance with the application.

Council set aside the first round of CARES grant funds, which totaled \$1 million, for qualifying small businesses located in the Yakima city limits. More than 300 small businesses applied for CARES funds.

Previously, the Yakima City Council in July set aside \$480,000 to aid small businesses with 5 or fewer employees. It was funded through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a federal program intended to expand economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons.

Visit <https://www.yakimawa.gov/covid19/> for more about the City of Yakima's response to COVID-19.