



City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: City of Yakima Small Business Grant**

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## **Application Opens Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> for Small Business Grant Program**

The City of Yakima has dedicated \$266,406 for a second round of assistance for micro-businesses (five or fewer employees) for reimbursement of expenses related to COVID-19. The money is available for low or moderate-income business owners, again with five employees or less, located within the Yakima city limits.

During its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the City Council formally agreed to have the Yakima County Development Association (YCDA) assist with the application process.

The application will open Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, and can be accessed at [www.ChooseYakimaValley.com](http://www.ChooseYakimaValley.com). When applicants complete the online portion, they will be prompted to schedule a time to meet with YCDA staff to finish the application and provide their documentation.

The application deadline is 5:00 pm on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. YCDA will contact applicants on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, to notify them of their status.

The money comes from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), a Federal program intended to expand economic opportunities for low and moderate-income persons.

In July 2020, the Yakima City Council set aside \$480,000 in CDBG funds to assist micro-businesses with expenses associated with COVID-19. YCDA assisted the City in administering that application process, as well.

Call 575-1140 or visit [Yakima County Development Association | Choose Yakima Valley](http://Yakima County Development Association | Choose Yakima Valley) for more about YCDA.

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