



# City of Yakima

# **News Release**

**Subject: Small Business Grant Webinar**

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## **Free Webinar for Small Business Grant Program**

A free webinar tomorrow, Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, is available for small business owners interested in applying for \$50 million in grant funding to assist with costs related to COVID-19.

The webinar is 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm tomorrow and is being offered by the Washington Small Business Development Center. Click [Working Washington Grants \(ecenterdirect.com\)](http://ecenterdirect.com) to register for the webinar and instructions to participate via Zoom.

It will also be recorded and available to watch later on-demand at [Washington State SBDC \(ecenterdirect.com\)](http://ecenterdirect.com)

The webinar will discuss grant eligibility and prioritization, how to apply, what the grant pays for and what to have ready when applying for Round 3 Working Washington Grants.

Last month, Gov. Jay Inslee announced an additional \$70 million for small business grants, \$50 million of which is available for Round 3 of the Working Washington Small Business grants. The remainder is designated for funding for qualified businesses that applied in previous rounds.

Businesses can apply for up to \$20,000 in emergency funding through the Round 3 grant program. Funds can only be used to cover expenses or costs incurred due to COVID-19 and that were necessary to continue business operations.

Click [Round 3: Working Washington Grants | Startup Washington \(choosewashingtonstate.com\)](http://choosewashingtonstate.com) for more about Round 3 grants and to apply online.

Grants are prioritized for small businesses with annual revenues of \$5 million or less in 2019 and businesses in the sectors that are most impacted by the recent public health measures or have experienced significant, cumulative impacts. Examples include full-service restaurants, fitness centers, bowling alleys and music and event venues.

Certain nonprofits may also be eligible if they have a primary business activity that falls into a similar category, such as a nonprofit full-service restaurant or nonprofit music venue.

To help address the impacts of COVID-19 restrictions on small businesses, the Yakima City Council previously set aside more than \$1.4 million in grant funds that to date have assisted more than 200 small businesses in the city limits.

Click [City of Yakima response to COVID-19 | Media \(yakimawa.gov\)](http://yakimawa.gov) for more about the City's response to COVID-19.