

Small Business Emergency Loan Program

Overview:

The current COVID-19 pandemic has created a state of emergency for the small business community in Silt. Due to local, state, and national orders, many businesses that were not considered “Critical Businesses” were forced to temporarily close or dramatically limit operations. While nearly all local businesses are facing hardship and economic losses, businesses that have been forced to close or significantly cut back are struggling to pay mortgages, rent and other obligations. This Fund is designed to help those businesses bridge the gap while other loans or funding sources are obtained.

To qualify for funding, businesses must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicant has been forced to temporarily close or forced to dramatically limit operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Applicant must have been open as of March 1, 2020 with a physical, store-front address within the Silt city limits. (Home-based businesses are not eligible.)
3. Applicant applying for the funding must be a small business with less than 50 employees and have local ownership.
4. Applicant must be in good standing with the Town of Silt and/or Colorado Secretary of State.
5. Applicant must provide a line-item budget of the operating expenses for which the loan will be used.

6. Borrowers are strongly encouraged to work with the RREDC and the Northwest SBDC, over the course of the loan, on their business plan and model in order to have a higher likelihood of success.

Loan payment/forgiveness clause:

1. Loans will accrue interest at 3% per annum with no payments due for six months from origin date.
2. Loans will be 100% forgiven if the borrower submits documentation showing payment of operating expenses shown in line-item budget within six months of origin date.

Minimum/Maximum Loan Sizes: Maximum loan amount will be \$2,000 based on documented need/approved uses of funds.

Loan Fee: There will be no fees associated with the loan.

Term: There will be no required principal or interest payments for the first six months of the loan. Should the loan fail to be forgiven, all principal and interest will be due two years from origin date.

Collateral: The loan is unsecured but will require unlimited personal guarantees of any business owner with 20% or more ownership of the business.

Draw Period: Borrower may fully-draw the loan within 24 hours of closing.

Please scan and email both the completed application and the signed Statement of Understanding to kmackley@rifleedc.com or return to the Town of Silt 24-hour drop box at:

**Silt Town Hall
231 N. 7th St.
Silt, CO 81652**

Application:

Today's Date:

First Name:

Last Name:

Email Address:

Contact Phone Number:

Business Name:

Type of Business:

Town of Silt Sales Tax # (if applicable):

Business Physical Address:

Business Mailing Address:

How has your business been impacted by the COVID-19 health emergency?

Check all that apply:

Business Closure
Reduced Hours of Operation
Employee Layoffs
Revenue Decline
Increased Operating Costs
Interrupted Supply/Delivery

Employee Absenteeism
Inability to Serve Customers
Decreased Customers
Request of Rent Deferral/Abatement
Utilization of Reserves

Grant amount you are applying for:
(Maximum is \$2000)

Please provide a line-item budget listing specifically what expenses the grant funds will be used for.

Number of full-time employees on February 1, 2020?

Number of part-time employees on February 1, 2020?

Number of full-time employees currently?

Number of part-time employees currently?

Statement of Understanding & Certification by Applicant

I have read the program eligibility criteria for the COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Loan Program. I understand that loan awards will be determined at the discretion of the Rifle Regional Economic Development Corporation (RREDC) based on the program eligibility criteria and the responses provided in this Application. I understand that loan funds are limited, and that submitting an Application does not guarantee a loan. I further understand the RREDC may terminate the program at any time, for any reason, without prior notification.

I certify that I am authorized to sign this Application as or on behalf of the Applicant. I agree to verify any of the information contained in this Application upon request by the RREDC. If selected to receive a loan, I agree to provide, within six months of receiving the loan, a report to the RREDC, including receipts, demonstrating how the loan funds were utilized. I understand that loan forgiveness is contingent upon providing this report. I agree that my business is fully responsible for determining and understanding the effect that my receipt of loan funds, if awarded, may have on any other applications for, my business' eligibility for, or awards from, other economic aid or relief programs from any other entity whatsoever. I further agree that by submitting this Application, I and my business release and hold harmless the RREDC from any responsibility or liability for any effect the receipt of loan funds from the RREDC may have on such applications, eligibility, or awards from such other programs.

All Applications will become property of the RREDC, and all Applications are subject to the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. § 24-72-200.1 et seq., provided that the RREDC will use its best efforts to maintain the confidentiality of any confidential financial information submitted, as permitted by law.

By signing below, I certify that all information in this application, and all information furnished in support of this application, is given for the purpose of obtaining a COVID-19 Small Business Emergency Loan and that the information provided is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Printed Name:

Title:

Date: