

COVID-19

Relief
MicroGrant
Program

Application Period:

Opens 9:00 a.m. Monday, February 15, 2021

MUST BE
SUBMITTED
BY:
5:00 p.m.
Monday,
March 1, 2021

GRANT OVERVIEW

The Brunswick Main Street Micro-Grant program was established to support existing downtown businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant has an \$81,000 fund, which will be divided equally among all applicants meeting the eligibility criteria below. Grant applicants are guaranteed to receive at least \$3000. There is no repayment due as this is not a loan. Only one award per business entity will be granted. Eligible uses of Micro-Grant funds include: rent payments, mortgage payments, utilities, regular overhead costs, PPE, sanitation supplies/costs, marketing and promotion (website development, consulting services, e-commerce set-up/subscriptions, advertising, etc.), technology necessary for continuity of operations and/or adapting business operations in response to COVID-19 restrictions, and capital improvements needed to address COVID-19 restrictions/precautions (equipment/supplies, building improvements, HVAC, etc.).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Must have a physical presence within the Brunswick Main Street (BMS) district boundaries. Physical presence is defined as either a valid business address, or verification that majority of your business transactions are conducted within the Brunswick Main Street boundaries.
- Must be a registered business or nonprofit entity in good standing with the State of Maryland. (Eligible nonprofits must be attractions that directly impact the Main Street District i.e. museums, theaters, etc.)
- Applicants must have no pre-existing tax liens or legal judgements.
- Businesses previously awarded micro-grants from Brunswick Main Street or the City of Brunswick are eligible to re-apply.

FOLLOWING ENTITIES NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

- Home-based businesses
- Churches
- Banks & Financial Institutions
- Investment/Real Estate Entities
- Government Agencies

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This funding CAN be combined with other funding sources, tax credit programs, and state grant or loan programs.
- Awardees will be required to complete a grant agreement, disbursement form and must be able to produce receipts for expenses paid for with grant funds.
- This grant may only be used for expenses incurred March 15, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- Awardees may be asked to report basic employment and business data for use by Brunswick Main Street to track the progress and success of this grant program.
- Brunswick Main Street may want to publish names of awardees, and perhaps some promotional material (pictures). Consent to this request is not a condition of being awarded a grant.

PLEASE NOTE:

Brunswick Main Street's funding of this program is reliant on a grant from the State of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development (MD-DHCD); therefore, funds will be disbursed to awardees upon receipt of the MD-DHCD grant award.

To submit an application, please complete the electronic form which can be found at www.brunswickmainstreet.org/covid-19-updates/