

ARPA Small Business Grant Program

The Miami County Commissioners would like to announce a Small Business Grant Program funded by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars in the amount of \$750,000. The grant is specifically for small businesses in Miami County, 50 employees or less and have less than \$5 million in gross annual revenue, that have been impacted as a result of the COVID-10 pandemic. President of the Commission, Ted Mercer, commented that “the ARPA funding will not only allow us to help our community, non-profits and businesses return to their pre-COVID states, it will also allow us to strengthen them for the future.”

Eligible assistance through the reimbursement grant program includes general expenses, COVID prevention, workforce retention/attraction efforts, and technical assistance counseling. All expenses must have been incurred after March 3, 2021. More details for each category can be found in the grant application located on the Miami County Commissioners webpage at www.co.miami.oh.us/1088/American-Rescue-Plan-ARPA-Updates.

We will also offer hard copy applications that can be picked up at the Department of Development Office (DOD) and once completed be returned to DOD with attention to Development Services Manager Michael Clarey.

Commissioner Wade Westfall said that "Small businesses are the backbone of our community. Supporting these businesses helps to provide economic opportunities for not only owners and employees, but also their families. Far too often these programs leave out smaller businesses and I am pleased that our Board created this program specifically for these small businesses in our county." Additionally, Commissioner Greg Simmons remarked that “Awarding grant funds to Miami County small businesses for the purpose of reimbursing them for COVID impacts, general expenses and workforce retention and development efforts is a once in a lifetime opportunity to lift them up and hopefully encourage growth in the future.”

Applications will be reviewed by the County ARPA Committee and County Administrator before being reviewed for approval by the Miami County Commissioners. The application period will run from February 28, 2022 until May 31, 2022. The Commissioners plan to issue grant awards in June of 2022.

Contact Gary Link, ARPA Project Manager, with questions or inquiries regarding the small business grant program at 937-335-5675 or at glink@miamicountyohio.gov.

Please submit completed applications to smallbizgrant@miamicountyohio.gov or deliver hard copies to the Miami County Department of Development on the 1st floor of the Hobart Center for County Government building located at 510 Water Street, Troy, Ohio.