

RESOLUTION NO. 22-02-200

ACCEPT GRANT AND AUTHORIZE  
SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT PROGRAMS AND ASSOCIATED APPLICATION  
MIAMI COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Simmons introduced the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, Title IX, Subtitle M, Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act, Pub. L. 117-2 [H.R. 1319], signed into law March 11, 2021 (“**ARPA**”), appropriated Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (the “**Fund**”) payments from the U.S. Treasury Secretary to metropolitan cities, non-entitlement units of local government, and counties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ARPA’s Fund methodology, Miami County was allocated approximately \$20,800,000 (the “**Fund Payment**”) to “mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)”; and

WHEREAS, the ARPA and its supporting U.S. Treasury guidance provide that the Fund Payment may only be used by the County to finance costs that (a) respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; (b) respond to workers performing essential work; (c) provide government services to extent of reduction in revenue; and (d) make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure (collectively, the “**Criteria**”); and

WHEREAS, the on July 30, 2021, the US Treasury issued to the Board \$10,390,485.50 of its total ARPA funding allocation \$20,800,000.00, said Fund Payment is to cover only those expenditures consistent with ARPA, including the Criteria, and applicable regulations, and such Fund Payment has been or will be deposited into an appropriate special revenue fund created and maintained by the County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has been detrimental for many local small businesses and their employees, and the Miami County Board of Commissioners are desirous of using available ARPA funds received to establish the Miami County Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program to lessen the economic damage caused by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, through the Miami County Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program, eligible store-front small businesses can apply for up to \$25,000 to use for pandemic-related expenses. Eligible at-home businesses may apply for a one-time grant of up to \$10,000 for pandemic-related expenses. Award determinations will be based on availability of funds as well as the applicant’s submitted receipts, mortgage or rent records, and other documentation indicating COVID-19 public health emergency-related business expenses; and

WHEREAS, the following criteria are required to be eligible for the small business grant program:

1. The applicant must be a small business with 50 or fewer total employees.
2. The applicant must have less than \$5 million gross revenue and must operate within the jurisdictional boundaries of Miami County, Ohio.
3. The applicant must have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. The applicant must be current on all federal, state, and local taxes, fees, utility payments and any other financial obligations.
5. Ineligible organizations are those that are in pending bankruptcy proceedings or that will file for such bankruptcy protections within six months of the date of application for assistance.

WHEREAS, the following criteria are additional Qualifiers (must also meet all of the above criteria):

1. Businesses serving underserved communities.
2. Businesses involved in pandemic-impact mitigation efforts.
3. Businesses demonstrating increase in expenses likely caused by COVID (recruitment costs, employee retention costs, etc.).
4. Start-ups and microbusinesses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with Ohio's Sunshine Laws, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Miami County, Ohio, that the creation of the Miami County Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program is hereby approved, further authorize proceeding with the allocation of \$750,000 for Round One (2022) of the grant program and said program shall be administered by the Miami County Department of Development in accordance with the criteria set forth herein and as attached hereto.

Mr. Westfall seconded the motion and the Board voted as follows upon roll call:

Mr. Westfall, Yea;                      Mr. Simmons, Yea;                      Mr. Mercer, Yea.

DATED: February 22, 2022

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Janelle S. Barga, Clerk to the Board of Miami County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct transcript of action taken by the board under the date of February 22, 2022.

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Janelle S. Barga, Clerk

Cc: Journal  
Files  
DOD – Rich Osgood  
Auditor

Attachment(s)  
Copy of Miami County Small Business COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program Application