



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF COVINGTON**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-30

EMERGENCY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Joseph U. Meyer signed Executive Order 2020-EO-01, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Covington due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, applicable Kentucky laws authorize a mayor to exercise emergency powers to efficiently and effectively provide for the health, safety and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Covington businesses continue to be impacted financially by the outbreak of COVID-19 virus and associated government directives and orders; and

WHEREAS, The City of Covington received Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funding Opportunity Announcement No. B-20-MW-21-000 (CARES Act Funding). Grantees may use Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds for a range of eligible activities that prepare, prevent and respond to the coronavirus, and to provide business assistance to small businesses that have experienced supply chain disruptions, staffing challenges, a decrease in gross receipts or customers, or a closure as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The City of Covington's Economic Development Department will use this funding specifically to assist businesses in distress due to the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Covington's Economic Development Department and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) believe that they have a mutual goal of providing economic development assistance to existing businesses in Covington, given the unprecedented upheaval caused by COVID-19 on the economy and the overwhelming needs experienced by Covington's small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Covington Economic Development Director and his staff recommend implementation of an emergency grant program where businesses can apply for a one-time City grant of up to \$50,000.00 to help businesses stay afloat during the current public health emergency and recover more quickly once this emergency passes. The total available funding for this Grant Program shall not exceed \$350,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Meyer previously signed Executive Orders 2020-EO-04 and 2020-EO-11 setting forth and subsequently amending the details of an Emergency Disaster Rent & Mortgage Business Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, In order to add to and further enhance the City's aforementioned prior efforts of assistance to local businesses, the Covington Economic Development Department staff recommends adoption of the program guidelines, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference, to allow any business located in Covington which can demonstrate a significant need and meets all other qualifying criteria of the program to apply for this economic relief; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Meyer previously signed Executive Order 2020-EO-20 setting forth and subsequently amending the details of an Emergency Disaster Rent & Mortgage Business Assistance Program and providing for Legacy Business eligibility, this program serves to provide a greater level of assistance to businesses with substantially larger needs.

NOW and therefore, I, Joseph U. Meyer, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Covington, Kentucky by KRS Chapter 39A, KRS 39B, and in furtherance of the declaration set forth in Executive Order 2020-EO-01, hereby order:

1. The implementation of an Emergency Business Assistance Grant Program to assist Covington businesses with certain expenses during the COVID-19 virus emergency.
2. The total amount of City funds available for the Emergency Business Assistance Grant Program shall not exceed \$350,000.00 and the source of the funds for the program shall be Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Funds.
3. That the City Manager is hereby designated approval authority for grant agreements to Businesses under the Emergency Business Assistance Grant Program as "Small Contracts" under City of Covington Code of Ordinances § 35.51 for the duration of the state of emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-EO-01. The Mayor shall retain authority to sign the grant agreements upon said approval by the City Manager.

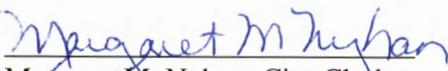
This Order shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Signed on this the 30th day of September, 2020,


Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor

Attest:


Margaret M. Nyhan, City Clerk

9-30-2020
Date