



St. Charles EDA CARES Act Small Business Relief Program

This program was created to provide economic support to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

\$100,000 was allocated to this program; applications will be accepted and reviewed until 5 p.m. on Friday, October 2, 2020 or until funds are depleted (whichever occurs first).

All grant awards are intended to provide emergency relief for costs associated with critical business expenses or losses as a direct result of the current health emergency.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. The business must have a physical location within the City of St. Charles City limits.
2. Any St. Charles business that experienced negative impacts as a result of COVID-19 and the Governor's Executive Orders is eligible to apply.
 - **Special consideration will be given to businesses that were closed and/or limited in capacity by Governor's Order.**
 - **Priority will be given to businesses that DID NOT receive the DEED Small Business Relief Grant or Winona County Small Business Assistance Grant through SEMCHRA.**
3. Business must have experienced business interruption from COVID-19 between March 15, 2020 to present.
4. Eligible businesses must be in good standing with the City of St. Charles and the State of Minnesota.
5. Business must have been in operation since March 1, 2020.
6. Business must employ between 1-50 employees (including ownership).

[More information and the application can be found at this link.](#)

Or by contacting Cris Gastner at cris.gastner@cedausa.com or 651-764-5745