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## BEAVERTON LAUNCHES NEW BUSINESS RECOVERY GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES

**BEAVERTON**, **Ore.** – The City of Beaverton has launched a new grant program for local small businesses in an ongoing effort to provide relief during COVID-19.

The Beaverton Business Recovery Program will award more than \$2 million in grants to eligible small businesses in one-time awards ranging from \$2,000-\$10,000. Funding is available from Washington County through the Federal CARES Act. Applications will be accepted through Friday, August 21. Businesses can use this grant funding to help offset commercial rent, utilities, personal protective equipment (PPE) and payroll expenses.

"Beaverton is a dynamic and resilient city," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "Our local businesses are doing everything they can to safely reopen and stay open. We are determined to help make that happen for these valued community members."

Eligibility requirements include location in Beaverton city limits with an active business license, less than 25 full-time employees, and currently open for business or planning to open in the next 60 days. Applicants also must be a customer-facing storefront business or a business that has been affected by "Stay Home, Save Lives" executive orders.

Funding priorities will be given to those most directly impacted by statewide restrictions. Childcare and adult daycare businesses are also encouraged to apply.

Interested businesses should visit <a href="www.BeavertonOregon.gov/businessgrants">www.BeavertonOregon.gov/businessgrants</a> for a full listing of eligibility and other program details.

For additional questions, please contact a program team member at 503-629-6437 (English), 503-350-2008 (Español) or <a href="MailboxBusinessGrants@beavertonoregon.gov">MailboxBusinessGrants@beavertonoregon.gov</a>.

The Beaverton Business Recovery Program is the latest in a series of emergency business assistance programs starting in March 2020 to assist small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Previous programs have helped 233 businesses access more than \$732,000 in grant funds to assist with commercial rent expenses.

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