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Emergency Grants Available for Miami Beach Small Businesses

— *The money can be used for rent, utilities and other business expenses* —

Miami Beach, FL – Small businesses in Miami Beach that have been hurt by the pandemic can soon apply for up to \$20,000 in emergency grant money. The funds can be used to pay for rent, mortgages, utilities, payrolls, operating supplies and other types of business expenses.

“The City of Miami Beach through the efforts of Mayor Dan Gelber and the entire City Commission have done a remarkable job in providing support to our businesses throughout the pandemic,” President and CEO Jerry Libbin of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce said.

Miami Beach Commissioners voted unanimously in October to set aside \$600,000 in funding through the Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) to assist at least 30 small businesses that have been hard hit by the coronavirus.

“This business grant program is yet another humanitarian effort to assist our small businesses owners which make up the bulk of all businesses in Miami Beach,” Libbin added.

The grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-qualified basis. The application may be viewed beginning on December 28, 2020 and applications may be submitted beginning on January 6, 2021. Interested businesses should visit <https://miamibeachfl.gosmart.org>. The application process will remain open until all funds are exhausted.

As a condition of accepting the money, small businesses must retain or create one job filled by a Miami Beach resident of low-to-moderate income or the business must be owned by a low-to-moderate income wage earner. Businesses should be prepared to show 2020 and 2021 business tax receipts, tax returns, bank statements, payroll documents, invoices and proof of payment for eligible expenses.

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