

Here is the main website for information on these up to \$10K grants for businesses with 1 to 10 employees, that have been in business for at least one year.

<http://startup.choosewashingtonstate.com/covid-grants/>

Here is a direct link to the application - <http://startup.choosewashingtonstate.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/4-2020-WWSB-Grant-Application-final.pdf>

### **Eligibility**

- Applicants should have been in business for at least one year.
- Businesses with up to 10 full-time employees (FTEs) may apply for a one-time grant of up to \$10,000.
- Funding is not meant to help launch a business, but to support existing businesses who are specifically affected by the COVID-19 crisis and are vital members of their local community.
- Applicants are eligible to receive one Working Washington Grant award during the current budget cycle, which ends on 06/30/2021.

### **Process**

- Small businesses that qualify for the grant program will submit applications through their local county/regional economic development organizations.
- Emails for submitting completed applications to these economic development organizations are listed to the right.
- County/regional economic development organizations will prioritize applications based on the severity of the impact the business is facing due to COVID-19, including from being forced to close by the government-mandated closures, social distancing measures or illness.
- Recommended awards will be sent to the Department of Commerce for review and vetting.
- Qualifying applications will be forwarded to the Governor for review and signature.
- Your local ADO will administer approved awards to the successful company.
- Awards will be approved on a case-by-case basis and are dependent on the availability of funds. The objective is to support businesses through the crisis and enable them to retain as many employees as possible.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received and applicants will be accepted or denied on a rolling basis. Please contact your county/regional economic development organization to assess your company's viability and to complete an application.

Commerce will not review applications directly submitted to Commerce staff. Applications must be submitted through the local ADO.

**Due to anticipated volumes, please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing and disbursement of grants.**