

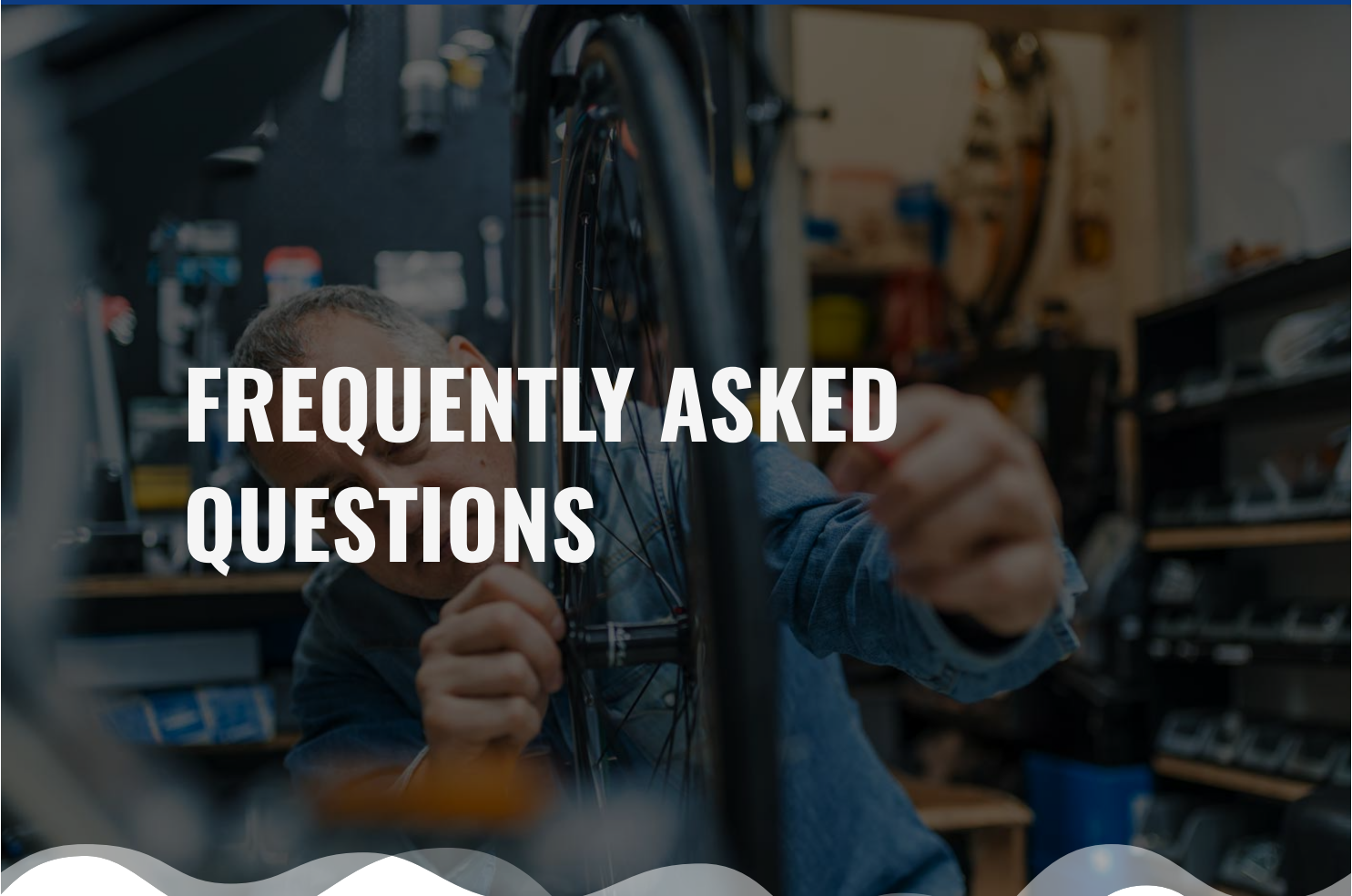


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California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program. This Program is funded by the State of California and administered by CalOSBA.

A background image of a man in a blue shirt working on a bicycle in a workshop. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay. The man is focused on his work, and the workshop is filled with various tools and equipment.

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I have an inquiry regarding the 1099 form I received from the program. Who do I contact?



For **all** inquiries regarding the 1099 form, please contact 1099request@lendistry.com.

We have a dedicated team to help you with any questions or concerns which may include:

- You need to request a new 1099 form from Lendistry.
- You lost or never received a 1099 form from Lendistry.
- You received a grant, but your 1099 form contains incorrect information.
- You did not receive a grant but received a 1099.
- You need further clarification.

What is the California Relief Grant Program?



Who is Lendistry?



Who is eligible to apply for the California Relief Grant?



Who else can help me apply for the California Relief Grant Program?



What are the eligible costs for which I can use the grant funds?



What are the ineligible costs for which I am not permitted to use the grant funds?

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Section 2: Application Guidance

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Do I need to apply in each round? 

Unless you are applying for the Nonprofit Arts & Cultural Program, you do not need to reapply in each round. If you submitted a complete application during an application window, meet the eligibility requirements and are waitlisted for that round, your application will be rolled over into the next round you are qualified for.

If you are an eligible nonprofit cultural institution that would like to apply for the separate Nonprofit Arts & Cultural Program, you will be required to complete a new application for this program to be considered, even if you have already applied in other rounds. However, you will not be eligible to receive a grant through the Nonprofit Arts & Cultural Program if you have otherwise been awarded a grant in a separate round and should not apply to this program.

My application was started, but unfinished before the application window closed. Do I need to restart my application? 

How will I know you have all my information to be considered? 

Does it matter which Partner organization services a grant application in my area? 

I'm reviewing the list of partner institutions and looking for the one that would fit me best. There are several groups listed for my county. Can I apply through various organizations? 

What documents will I need to submit as part of my application?

Are the application questions posted on the website so that I can prepare to answer the questions before beginning the actual application?

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How much can my business apply for?

Are the revenue thresholds for the grant amounts based on GROSS revenue?

I own multiple businesses. Can I apply for each business?

If my business is a partnership or has multiple owners, and some are low-wealth, and others are not, what is the % of ownership that must be low wealth?

Am I eligible for the program if my revenue for this year is less than 5 million, but last year and the years before, it was more than \$5 million?

My business is incorporated outside of CA, but I generate the majority of my business revenue in CA. Am I eligible to apply?

Are real estate companies/brokers/sales agents eligible grantees?

A government-issued photo ID is a required document. Is a state ID allowed instead of a driver's license? Or would other forms of picture identification

be allowed?

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Do I have to submit documentation to verify ownership? Do multi-owner companies have to submit for one owner or all?

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Are recipients of county/city business relief funds eligible to apply, and will that be considered in any way in the process?



Are Federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)/ or Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) recipients eligible to apply, and will that be considered in any way in the process?



I have a franchise business with multiple locations. Can I apply for assistance for each location?



If I receive an award, will I have to pay it back?



Do I have to pay taxes on the grant proceeds?



I do not own a computer. How can I apply?



I lost physical verification paperwork. Can I send a screenshot from the site (i.e., Secretary of State)?



Do I need to provide receipts of my purchases (i.e. PPE)?



I am undocumented. Can I apply for a grant?



My business is active, however the Secretary of State's website is reflecting it as inactive. What documents can be provided to show that my business is active?



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Are wineries and breweries ineligible because they restrict patronage to individuals over 21 years old?



Are non-profits that use a fiscal sponsor eligible?



The application requests personal information from individuals involved in the business. I am concerned about how this information is being used.



My non-profit's tax-exempt status is based on a group exemption based on a parent or supervising entity. Can I receive a grant based on this group exemption?



Who is a permissible "authorized representative" for executing a nonprofit's certification and grantee agreement?



Earlier rounds of the program allowed for 2018 tax returns to be submitted. Why are 2019 tax returns required versus 2018 for rounds after Round 3?



Why is a federal tax return required for this program?



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Can an applicant be reexamined if they were deemed ineligible for this grant program?



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Can an applicant be reexamined if they were declined for a grant award?



Section 3: The Selection Process

How will grant recipients be determined?



Lendistry will analyze for selection all applications entered into the Portal. Lendistry will consult with the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA or the “office”) and design the program selection for prioritization of impacted businesses. Grants will be prioritized, to the extent permissible under state and federal equal protection laws, in accordance with the following criteria:

- 1.** Geographic distribution based on COVID-19 health and safety restrictions following California’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy and county status and the Regional Stay Home Order.
- 2.** Industry sectors most impacted by the pandemic, including, but not limited to, those identified as in the North American Industry Classification System codes beginning with:
 - 61 – Educational Services
 - 71 – Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation
 - 72 – Accommodation and Food Services
 - 315 – Apparel Manufacturing
 - 448 – Clothing and Clothing Accessory Stores
 - 451 – Sporting Goods, Hobby, Musical Instrument, and Book Stores
 - 485 – Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation
 - 487 – Scenic and Sightseeing Transportation
 - 512 – Motion Picture and Sound Recording Industries
 - 812 – Personal and Laundry Services
 - 5111 – Newspaper, Periodical, Book and Directory Publishers
- 3.** Nonprofit mission services most impacted by the pandemic, including, but not limited to, emergency food provisions, emergency housing stability, childcare, and workforce development.
- 4.** Disadvantaged communities tracked by socioeconomic indicators that may include, but are not limited to, low to moderate income, poverty rates,

unemployment, educational attainment, and other disadvantaging factors that limit access to capital and other resources.

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Grants to eligible nonprofit cultural institutions will be prioritized on documented percentage revenue declines based on a reporting period comparing Q2 and Q3 of 2020 versus Q2 and Q3 of 2019.

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When will I find out if I received an award?



Will everyone who applies receive a grant?



Will I be notified if I am not selected?



What are the different selection decisions?



I have received an email with a waitlisted or selected decision. What should I do next?



My documents and bank information has been fully validated and I have been approved for funding. When will I receive funding?



If awarded grant funds, do I need to report that to the Employment Development Department (EDD) for Unemployment Insurance (UI) or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)?



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