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Lehigh County To Reopen Small Business Grant Program

Lehigh County, PA- On Friday, February 18, 2022 the Lehigh County COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program will reopen to the public for a third round of applications. In partnership with the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, Lehigh County will allocate an estimated \$2.5 million in funding for local businesses with 100 or fewer employees. Eligible businesses can apply for up to \$15,000 in order to help mitigate the impact of COVID-19 and its related expenses.

Businesses that have not received funding from Lehigh County under the American Rescue Plan Act in 2021 are eligible to apply. Businesses that have not received a grant through Lehigh County or have not received a grant in 2020 under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act are eligible to apply.

Farms are eligible to apply if the business has fewer than 100 employees. All applicants must adhere by program guidelines found on the Lehigh Valley Chamber website.

The \$2.5 Million grant pool stems from the original \$10 million allocated from American Rescue Plan funding received in 2021. Previously, Lehigh County distributed approximately \$7.5 Million to over 600 businesses in 2021. Funding from this grant can go towards a business's payroll, rent/utility payments, and other direct payments affected by COVID-19.

Applications for the Lehigh County COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program can be found on the Lehigh County website lehighcounty.org or by visiting the Lehigh Valley Chamber website at <https://www.lehighvalleychamber.org/lehighcogrants1.html>.

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