**LULING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUSINESS GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**PHASE II**

The lifeblood of the Luling Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) is dependent on robust sales tax generation of local businesses. The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated the ability of our businesses to perform routine trade and commerce transactions. Many of these businesses, some with a local presence spanning decades, have limited access to customers; even to the point of having to close their doors, hopefully only a temporary status!

The LEDC has created the **“LEDC Business Grant Assistance Program”** to help local businesses to meet the challenges of maintaining payroll, paying rent, utilities, and general operating expenses. A simple grant application and guidelines have been developed. The process is designed to get these emergency funds into the hands of local entrepreneurs in a timely turn-around period. The grant assistance program will promote, develop, and/or expand business enterprises within the City of Luling and its surrounding area. Phase I of this program was initiated in mid-March and the application process was closed at the end of business on May 1st. This round will give priority to those qualifying businesses that did not submit an application in the first round, and to those who submitted in the first round, but did not receive or request the full funding amount of $3,000. If you received a Phase I grant you are still qualified to apply under Phase II, but money will be appropriated with priority going to new applicants and those not requesting the full $3,000.

Grant Guidelines

1. A one-time grant of up to $3,000 is available.
2. The local business must be located within the corporate city limits or ETJ of the City of Luling.
3. The business must maintain a sales tax-generation component and hold a Texas Sales and Use Tax Permit. ( **National chains, home-based businesses, permanently closed businesses, and non-profit organizations are not eligible for the grant.**
4. The business must submit profit and loss statements for February through April 2020 and the latest business sales tax filing receipt or cancelled check..
5. Funding limited to businesses with 25 or less employees.
6. Applications are due by the close of business on Monday, June 8, 2020. Applications can be mailed, delivered or submitted electronically to the Luling Economic Development Corporation.
7. Grant funds will be distributed to qualified businesses on a first come – first served basis, with each grant provided as a separate economic development project for each qualified business.

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**BUSINESS GRANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**APPLICATION**

Legal Name of Business:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

No. of Employees at beginning of March, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No. of employees currently\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How long has the business operated in Luling? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Owner of Business:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact Information: Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Grant Requested: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*In the space provided, describe the services or products that your company provides.*

*In the space provided, describe the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on your business (i.e. reduced staff, limited to drive-through or delivery service, temporarily closed the business, interrupted supply chain and ability to receive inventory, etc.)*

*In the space provided, describe how the grant funds will be used.*

Has your business applied and/or received any other financial assistance associated with the Covid 19 declaration?

Date Applied\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Program \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Amount Received\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a copy of your profit and loss statements for February through April 2020, and your latest Business Sales Tax filing receipt or cancelled check.**

**By signing below, I understand and affirm:**

Business has 25 or fewer full-time equivalent employees

The Business has a sales tax generation component and possesses a Texas Sales Tax Permit.

Business has a physical and publicly accessible location within the city limits or ETJ of Luling in a commercial building or business district.

The business has experienced or is projecting to experience a decline in employment and/or revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The business is for profit and engaged in activities that are legal under city and state law.

All the information provided is true and accurate and financial information has not been manipulated to exaggerate the financial duress of this business.

I understand the information submitted in this application may require additional supporting documentation and will be shared with the Luling EDC Staff, Board of Directors and Covid 19 Disaster Relief Committee.

I understand the Luling EDC will not accept and/or evaluate incomplete applications.

I understand the Luling EDC may grant or deny applications at its sole discretion. The Luling EDC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, or any other basis of discrimination prohibited by law.

Prior to receiving grant funds, business must sign a Performance Agreement with the Luling Economic Development Corporation

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Signature of Applicant Date

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TO BE COMPELTED BY THE LEDC ONLY:

 Grant Approved $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Grant Denied Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of LEDC Official:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_