

In response to the COVID 19 pandemic and its effect on our local business community, a joint task force of the Luling Economic Development Corporation, the City of Luling, the Luling Area Chamber of Commerce and the Luling Main Street Association, came together to survey local businesses and explore avenues to assist our business community in surviving during this rough and unusual time. The committee put together a COVID -19 Business Relief grant which was funded by the Luling EDC at a special meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2020.

The purpose of this grant opportunity is to get funds to local businesses as quickly as possible in an attempt to keep them in operation during this trying time.

Qualifying businesses must offer a sales tax-generation component or offer a direct service to the Luling Community. (IE: Gym, Salon, Hotel, Childcare, Etc.) National chains, home-based businesses, permanently closed businesses, and non-profit organizations are not eligible for the grant. Grant applications will be distributed through the Luling Chamber of Commerce and Luling Main Street email lists, websites and social media page, the Luling EDC and City websites in an effort to get the word out to all qualifying businesses.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 Friday, May 1, 2020 and can be delivered to the Luling EDC/Luling Chamber of Commerce/Luling Main Street office at 421 E. Davis, mailed to P.O. Box 710, Luling, TX 78648 or emailed to info@lulingcc.org. Once all grants are evaluated, successful recipients will be sent a performance agreement that must be executed before receiving payment. If you have any questions, you can call Trey at (512) 921 4747 or email info@lulingcc.org

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

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.

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 or offer a direct service to the Luling Community. (IE: Gym, Salon, Hotel, Childcare, Etc.) **National chains, home-based businesses, permanently closed businesses, and non-profit organizations are not eligible for the grant.**
4. The business must submit balance sheets and profit and loss statements for January through March 2020 or the latest business tax filing.
5. Funding limited to businesses with 25 or less employees.
6. Applications are due by the close of business on Friday, May 1, 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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LULING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 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? _____

Address: _____ City: _____ TX Zip: _____

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 balance sheet and/or profit and loss statements for January through March 2020, or your latest business tax filing. (Must be submitted for grant to be awarded)

By signing below, I understand and affirm:

Business has 25 or fewer full-time equivalent employees

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

Signature of Applicant

Date

TO BE COMPELTED BY THE LEDC ONLY:



Grant Approved \$ _____

Date: _____



Grant Denied

Date: _____

Signature of LEDC Official: _____