



## **Round 2 - New Kent Economic Development Authority Financial Assistance COVID-19 Grant Program FAQs**

Q: I received a \$2,500 grant in round 1 back in July, am I eligible to receive another grant from the County?

A: No, businesses who received a \$2,500 grant in the first round are not eligible to receive another grant from the EDA.

Q: I do not have a 2020 Business License from the County; can I submit my application for consideration?

A: No, your application will not be accepted unless you provide a copy of your 2020 Business License issued by New Kent County.

Q: I am a sole proprietor; can I apply for the grant?

A: Yes, you can apply for the grant.

Q: Do you need to have any full-time employees associated with your business to apply for the grant? We run a business as the owners and we don't have any employees, do we still qualify to apply for the grant?

A: There is no requirement to have full-time employees in order to qualify for the grant. Businesses that are run by their owners with no full-time employees are eligible to apply for the grant.

Q: When will I be able to submit an application?

A: Applications will be accepted between October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>. Applications can be dropped off in person at the New Kent Visitors and Commerce Center Monday-Friday from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm or can be mailed to 7324 Vineyards Parkway New Kent, VA 23124. The Visitors and Commerce Center is closed to the public from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm on weekdays for cleaning. If you plan on submitting an application during this timeframe, please call 966-9631 so that we can meet you at the front door or in the parking lot.

Q: I am planning to mail my application in for consideration. If it is postmarked by October 15<sup>th</sup> but is not delivered to the Visitors and Commerce Center until after the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, will I be eligible for the lottery drawing?

A: No

Q: What happens if my application is not received by an economic development staff member by 4:30 pm on October 15<sup>th</sup>?

A: Your application will not be considered for the lottery drawing if it is received after 4:30 pm on October 15<sup>th</sup>. No exceptions will be made.

Q: If I submit my application by the deadline, does this automatically mean that I am eligible for the lottery drawing?

A: No, upon receipt your application, the information that has been provided on the application will be verified with County departments to ensure that your business is in full compliance with New Kent County. Only those applications that meet the criteria of the grant program by 4:30 pm on October 15<sup>th</sup> will be eligible for the lottery drawing.

Q: How can I verify that my business is up to date on all fees, paperwork and filings with the Commissioner of the Revenue; how do I verify if my business owes the County any money and how do I know if there are any active zoning violations on the property of my business?

A: You can contact the following offices to verify that your business is in full compliance with the guidelines prior to submitting your application:

Commissioner of the Revenue's office: 804-966-9610

Treasurer's office: 804-966-9615

Public Utilities office: 804-966-9678

Zoning Administrator's office: 804-966-9690

Q: My business has received an EIDL (Economic Injury Disaster Loan) and/or has received PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) funds, am I eligible for the lottery drawing?

A: No, your business is not eligible for the lottery drawing

Q: How is my business entered for the lottery drawing?

A: Upon verification that your business is in full compliance with all noted County departments, the ticket that you fill out on page 7 of the application will be placed into the box for a witnessed random drawing. In the case that there are not 20 qualified applicants, a lottery drawing will not be necessary and a list of winners (those who will receive a grant) will be announced on October 23, 2020.

Q: Are there any types of businesses that are not eligible for the lottery drawing?

A: Yes, the following types of businesses are NOT eligible for the grant lottery drawing:

Franchises and/or chains;

Nonprofit organizations;

Independent contractors working on gig platforms (such as Airbnb, Fiverr, Uber, Lyft, Instacart, etc.);

Independent contractors operating multilevel or network marketing businesses (such as Avon, Mary Kay, 5LINX, Pampered Chef, etc.)

Q: What if I have additional questions that have not been answered through the FAQ page?

A: You may contact the Economic Development department at 804-966-9631 or email your questions to [mjmolnik@newkent-va.us](mailto:mjmolnik@newkent-va.us) The Visitors and Commerce Center is open to the public Monday-Friday from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm and you may stop by our office to ask your questions in-person.