

# **July 2020** Newsletter

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The Grant County EDC has almost completed the Working Washington Grants that were granted to 19 different businesses in Grant County. Only two more contracts remain incomplete at this time and things are moving along guickly.

The CARES act is bringing another 2.5 million dollars to Grant County in Federal Grants. We'd like to thank the county commissioners for allocating these funds for small businesses to help in these difficult times. The process for these will likely be different from that of the Working Washington Grants, and need to be completed by October of this year.

When all is said and done, Grant County will likely end up seeing closer to 2.7 million dollars in grants that our office will be handling for the foreseeable future. Things

## The CARES Act is bringing more dollars to Grant **County:**

are moving quickly and we hope to have more information on this process in the next couple of weeks.

We are very proud to have this opportunity to help facilitate these grants and help our Grant County recover from this pandemic. The EDC appreciates the calm and collective manner in which residents applied for these grants, both when receiving the grants and being denied access to grants.

With the previous 2.7 million dollars stated, we might be seeing close to 270 individual grants to share with our community and are happy to help streamline this process wherever possible. Nic Thurston is becoming a professional at processing grants!



Source: https://getfullyfunded.com/6-keys-getting-grants/



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# Grant County EDC has new tech: Drone and 360-degree GoPro



Source: DJI website

As discussed in our previous newsletter, Grant County EDC has purchased both a drone and a 360-degree camera!

We went with a DJI
Mavic Pro 2 and a
GoPro Fusion 360. Both
of these high-tech
devices will enable us to
view any site available in

wide variety of new ways.

Nic Thurston will drive out to these sites throughout Grant County, send up the drone to take an aerial shot, and then use the GoPro Fusion to put marks on the aerial shot that will allow people to view the site at ground level in a full 360-degree photo that they can look around in!

As we mentioned in our previous newsletter, this is certainly the right time to develop this sort of thing. Where social distancing and concern are found almost everywhere— we want to be sure to be at the forefront of availability for our clients!

Once again, we want people to remain interested in Grant County even if they are uncomfortable with traveling at this time.



### **Grant County EDC Tools Showcase: Esri**

The Grant County EDC's website has quite a few powerful tools available to the public for use. This month we are taking a look at Esri, our GIS software.

GIS stands for Geographic Information System, and this is used to store data related to specific locations on the Earth's surface.

Using this data, we can express what the demographics are for any given area in Grant County. We can see the average ages, average salaries, home costs and much, much more using Esri. And it's free for you to use!

Esri is the global market leader in GIS according to their website, and they have a massive amount of data



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available for use. Esri's main software development is ArcGIS, their mapping and analytics platform.

ArcGIS is one of the most powerful and flexible applications for applying location-based analytics to any business platform—large or

tools to gain greater insights into communities to better understand their needs and to help determine where your business might fit the best.

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The tool is *powerful*! And you can access it on our website: <a href="https://grantedc.giswebtechrecruit.com/">https://grantedc.giswebtechrecruit.com/</a>

Try out Custom Reports, drop a Pin on the map, and then pull some Esri Demographic Reports for your perusal!



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