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CARES Act Grants are now live

We are submitting the applications in phases so as not to overwhelm Commerce. This next round of applications go out this Friday, August 21st at 5pm.

To get information out to friends, family and communities, you can contact Nic Thurston at nic@grantedc.com for more information. We have also taken ad space out in local newspapers such as Columbia Basin Herald and the Star.

As of early this month, the CARES Act grants available to Grant County are now live. Businesses and nonprofits from across Grant County can go to our website, www.grantedc.com/grants to access the application as well as information on the process.

To date, we have already received over 120 applications from small businesses as well as several nonprofits. A small business for this instance is listed as any business with 20 or less full-time employees.

Everyone has been very appreciative thus far with the process and our responsiveness. 52 applications have already been examined by Commerce with 46 of them getting approved for funding. The grant goes up to \$10,000 and we hope to see a lot of businesses being helped by this.

The EDC asks that if you know of a nonprofit or small business who is hurting due to COVID-19, please urge them to apply for a grant on our website as there is still time and room for a number of businesses.





New Grant County EDC Business Impact Webinar this Thursday, August 20th at 2:30 PM

The Grant County EDC will be hosting another webinar for the public to cover a variety of topics. The webinars have been on hiatus for some time due to a lack of highly relevant information- but being brought back for major updates.

We will discuss the Mask-Up program with Debbie Doran-Martinez on Grant County, current infection rates and what we can do to help our businesses stay open and growing.

Todd Wurl with the Employment Security Department will be giving an update on the unemployment rates for Grant County as well as some unemployment insurance options.

Allan Peterson will be discussing brand new PPP loan updates and we will have a guest speaker discussing

“Five Things Your Restaurant Can Do During COVID-19!”.

Finally, Nic Thurston will be giving an overview of the CARES Act Grants process and what it currently looks like in Grant County.

You can attend the meeting with the link at the bottom of the page here. We hope to have a big attendance for these updates so spreading the word would be a big help. The information as always is posted in our Grant County EDC websites COVID-19 section, located at:

<http://www.grantedc.com/covid/>

And you can find the link for the Zoom meeting here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88641176412>



Grant County Trends Update

Grant County Trends has recently been updated for Grant County. Grant County Trends is all about the people, places, and organizations of Grant County.

The Grant County Trends website is continually being updated. Subscribing to the blog is the easiest way to stay informed with everything new on Grant County Trends.

29 indicators in 7 categories have been updated.

Categories include:
-Agriculture, Economic Vitality, Education, Environment, Health, Housing / Transportation and Recreation & Tourism



There are also new Data Visualizations. Look for the Data Visualizations tab near the top of the website. Just like indicator graphs, data visualizations are helpful tools that are both fun and can provide a better understanding of data.

Current visualizations available are:

- Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims in Washington State, by County
- Census 2020 Self-Response Rate
- Washington State Cities Vulnerability to COVID-19

You can find more information at:

<http://www.grantcountytrends.org/newsletter/>

As always, Grant County Trends is available on our website at:

<http://www.grantedc.com/grant-county-trends/>





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