



AB 5767
**Coronavirus Relief Funds
& Small Business Support**

October 20, 2020

GRANT PROGRAM & ELIGIBILITY UPDATES

Grant Program Scope

- Awarding a flat amount - no less than \$5,000 per grant recipient
- Grant recipients selected by lottery system

Eligibility Criteria

- Removed requirements related to employee count and revenue
- Specified customer-facing for physical location of organization
- Changed date by which organization must have been in operation



ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY LANGUAGE

Add to Qualifying Expenses (Exhibit 1, Page 5)

“Per guidance from the Attorney General’s Office, grant funds will be provided to organizations that can demonstrate that the grant will prevent the organization from closing permanently and/or will assist with costs to comply with public health guidelines. ...”

Add to Eligibility Criteria (Exhibit 1, Page 6)

“To qualify for a grant, an organization must be:

- A small business (as defined by the Small Business Administration)...”



LOTTERY SELECTION PROCESS

- City staff evaluate applications based on the established eligibility criteria.
- All eligible applicants will be sorted into one of three pools according to priorities outlined in the program scope. (Exhibit 1, Page 7)
- Funds will be allocated based on the pool priorities, with awardees selected by lottery from Pool 1, then Pool 2, then Pool 3.
- Once the lottery selection is complete, a committee comprised of City staff and City Council liaisons will conduct a final review of the awards to ensure eligibility.
- The internal committee will present the outcome of the lottery process to the City Council for review and approval on November 2, 2020.



RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Authorize the City Manager to accept CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds from Washington State in the amount of \$367,050.
2. Appropriate \$270,000 to fund the Mercer Island COVID-19 Relief for Small Businesses Grant Program.
3. Appropriate \$97,050 to support the City's emergency operation in response to the Pandemic.

