

Eligible Small Businesses in Mesa County Can Apply for a Relief Payment

Applications for the Small Business Relief Program for Mesa County will be available **Thursday, January 14, 2021 through Thursday, February 4, 2021**.

These one-time relief payments, authorized by [Senate Bill 20B-001](#), are available to locally owned small businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19 restrictions including **restaurants, bars, breweries, wineries, distilleries, fitness clubs, caterers, and movie theaters**.

Mesa County businesses that are currently operating, and have a reduced revenue of at least 20% due to capacity restrictions from public health orders, may be eligible for funding.

- Businesses with less than \$500,000 in revenue (2019) may receive **up to \$3,500**.
- Businesses with revenue between \$500,000 and \$1 million (2019) may receive **up to \$5,000**.
- Businesses with revenue between \$1 million and \$2.5 million (2019) may receive a payment **up to \$7,000**.

Eligibility Requirements

- Business is in one of the eligible industries identified in [State Bill 20B-001](#) and can provide current State license verifying good standing and legal operation in Colorado.
- Business headquarters located in and is doing business in Colorado.
- Business must have at least 20% revenue loss since March 26, 2020 (except businesses that began operations between Jan 1 and March 26, 2020).
- Business must have less than \$2.5M in revenue for 2019 and 2020 calendar year.
- Business must have at least one full-time employee except for sole proprietorship.
- Began operating before March 26, 2020.
- Business must be in compliance with public health orders.

Ineligibility

- Businesses owned or operated by officials or employees of Mesa County (or other municipality where funding is being distributed).

- Businesses whose regular ongoing operations started after March 26, 2020.
- Corporate-Owned franchises and/or publicly traded companies.
- Businesses with outstanding local tax liabilities or tax liens as of July 1, 2020, or currently in bankruptcy (Corporate or Personal).
- Businesses that do not intend to continue operating in the State for at least six months after receipt of funding.
- Businesses operating in violation of any State, Federal, or local laws.
- State of Colorado “Arts Relief Program” or the “Minority-Owned Business Relief Program” as established in Senate Bill 20B-001.
- Nonprofit organizations

Application Process

Applications will be accepted Thursday, January 14, 2021 through Thursday, February 4, 2021. Mesa County businesses are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. The window for applications is very short, and follow-up materials may be requested after application submittal to ensure businesses have met eligibility requirements.

Please submit your Small Business Relief application at the link provided on the Mesa County website. If you do not have internet access, please submit your application by email or mail to Ashley Greco – Ashley.greco@mesacounty.us or PO Box 20,000 | 544 Rood Avenue | Grand Junction, CO 81502. **All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2021.**

All qualified businesses will receive a relief grant. Award amounts will depend on the total number of qualified businesses and funding available. Funding decisions will be made on or around February 1, 2021. Relief grants will be issued by February 12, 2021.

Now accepting applications.