



Updated: Small Business Relief Funds Available

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Stearns County CARES Act Small Business and Non-Profit Relief Program

Relief payments will be provided to businesses that experienced interruption due to required closures as a result of the public health emergency. Relief payments will be in range from \$500 to \$7,500 based on eligible expenses reported on the application. **Applications are due September 18, 2020.** Click [HERE](#) to access program information and eligibility requirements.

The City of St. Cloud EDA has partnered with Stearns County to manage the **St. Cloud portion of applications.** The St. Cloud application portal can be accessed directly at: [CARES Act Small Business Relief Application – St. Cloud.](#)

New! Waite Park CARES Act Small Business Relief Grant Program

Businesses with demonstrated need may submit applications for relief grants through **September 30, 2020.** Eligible businesses may receive up to \$7,500.

- Applications made through August 28, 2020 may be made online via the Stearns County Application Portal found [HERE](#). Applications sent via portal will be forwarded to Waite Park staff. **Applications made between August 28 -September 30, 2020** must be made by hardcopy application and will be available upon request.

Applications will be considered in the order they are received. Submission of an application does not guarantee a relief grant will be received as the funds available are limited. Contact [Jon Noerenberg](#), Planning and Community Development Director, with program and eligibility requirement questions.

Benton County – Benton Economic Partnership CARES Act Grants

Businesses with 50 or fewer employees located in Benton County with demonstrated need may submit applications for relief grants through **September 30, 2020.** A total of \$735,000 in CARES Act funds has been allocated for local companies, to be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Apply [HERE](#).

- Eligible businesses may receive up to \$15,000.