

Fremont County Entity Expense Reimbursement Grant Fund

As our community continues to confront the still-emerging health and economic implications of the COVID-19 crisis, small businesses and non-profits throughout Fremont County have sought to meet the sudden and emergency needs of our community. Fremont County is proud to announce the opportunity for small businesses and non-profits to apply for relief and receive funding, via the American Rescue Plan Act, to address the COVID-19 emergency.

Application and Deadline Information

Applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. March 31, 2022. Only complete applications will be accepted, and all submissions will become the property of Fremont County.

Awards and Disbursement of Funds

Application reviewers will determine eligibility and grant amount. Awards will depend upon the number of applicants, availability of funds, and demonstrated need. Once funding decisions are made, applicants will receive a Grant Award notification which will outline all terms and conditions of receiving the grant. Fremont County reserves the right to offer awards different from the specified amount requested. Funds will be distributed via check. All funding decisions are final.

Grant Recipient Reporting Requirement

This grant is based solely on the reimbursement of expenditures. **All receipts showing funds have been expended must be submitted at time of application.** If application is requesting funds that have not been spent, please include a quote for the expenditure and receipts must be submitted to Fremont County at time of application.

Application

The Fremont County Entity Expense Grant Fund is designed to provide a financial bridge until businesses can return to a more sustainable level of operation. As our community deals with the health and economic implications of the COVID-19 crisis, small businesses have been especially hard hit. Supporting our small business community is integral to creating jobs for our residents and bringing back the goods and services that provide us with the quality of life we value in Fremont County.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must have a physical location in Fremont County.
- Has been operating continuously since at least March 3, 2021.
- Independently owned.
- Must have less than 500 employees.
- Must be registered with the Colorado Secretary of State and be in good standing since March 3, 2021 (if applicable to the business legal structure).
- Be current with required Fremont County Personal Property Taxes.
- Businesses with more than one physical location in Fremont County may apply for the grant program for each location. For purposes of estimating FTE's, the FTE count shall be based only on the specific location applying for the grant.
- Marijuana industry businesses are not eligible.
- Demonstrate how funds will help return to profitability.
- Note:
 - Grant funds may not be used to pay Fremont County Real Property taxes.
 - Requests for funding to offset property taxes will be denied.
 - **Cannot have previously received reimbursement for the expense.**

Expenses eligible for reimbursement:

- Mortgage, lease, or rent payments for the place of business for the period in which the business was closed or at reduced capacity.
- Utility payments for the place of business for the period in which the business was closed or at reduced capacity.
- Property and liability insurance payments for the place of business for the period in which the business was closed or at reduced capacity.
- Lease payments for equipment used by the business for the period in which the business was closed or at reduced capacity.
- Any direct costs associated with COVID-19 (for example hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, disposable masks, to-go containers, delivery service, etc.)
- Improvements to ventilation
- Physical barriers or partitions
- Signage to facilitate social distancing

Applicants will be required to submit/show:

- Receipts or quote demonstrating how grant funds will be used to address business needs caused by business interruption between March 3, 2021- June 30, 2022 ; and
- Completed W-9 Form.

***Applications must include all supporting documentation.**

Questions? Email grants@fremontco.com