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Microbusiness Pandemic Relief Program

Applications can be found at <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSHYSbo0vOpaVgIJ8SWbaOjSD9AmzdU-</u> <u>CrxHN45FJ-5Tv5VQ/viewform</u>

Charleston County microbusinesses can now apply for up to \$25,000 in COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Funds. In March, Charleston County Council approved this funding to assist "mom and pop" businesses adversely impacted by the pandemic. **The application deadline is May 6, 2022.** The Charleston County Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Microbusiness Pandemic Relief Program is funded by the American Rescue Act of 2021.

Eligible applicants include:

- Businesses with a primary physical location within Charleston County.
- For-profit businesses which were in operation prior to March 16, 2019.
- Businesses with 10 or fewer employees and annual revenue under \$500,000 dollars.
- Businesses who have not received any previous pandemic relief assistance, e.g., funding from the Paycheck Protection Program.
- Businesses must remain located in the county and not sell the business for at least one year after receipt of grant funds.

Eligible businesses must be in good standing with Charleston County Government and the Secretary of State. They must also be able to provide documentation that the business income suffered due to COVID-19.

More information regarding requirements, eligibility, and the application head to <u>https://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/hnr/mbpreliefprog.php</u>.

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