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Media Release

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City of Union Gap COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Assistance Grants

The City of Union Gap has dedicated \$200,000 in funding for small business assistance with no repayment requirements.

City of Union Gap businesses are able to apply for up to \$5,000 to be used for expenses such as business rent/mortgage, business utilities, business insurance, and other operating expenses that were incurred on or after March 27, 2020.

To be eligible, the business must:

- Be a for-profit business
- Have a physical location in the city limits of the City of Union Gap
- Have been in operation for at least one year as of the date they apply
- Have ten (10) or fewer employees, NOT including owner(s)
- Have had to close or reduce its capacity to operate due to COVID-19

The application cycle for this grant program will open on Monday, October 5, 2020. To be considered in the first ranking and awards, businesses must submit their application by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020.

Businesses will need to submit their business license with the application.

The Yakima County Development Association (YCDA) is assisting the City with administering the application process. Businesses are able to find more information on how to apply at www.chooseyakimavalley.com. If the business owner has questions or needs help completing the application, they can make an appointment to meet YCDA staff for assistance by calling (509) 575-1140.

This program is funded through the Coronavirus Relief Funds for Local Governments. Funds are available on a limited basis. Please note that submitting an application does not guarantee a grant award.

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