
ABOUT THIS GRANT

Support for Meridian Township small businesses affected by COVID-19: The Meridian Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Small Business Relief Grant Program is meant to assist businesses who have experienced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic or Executive Order (EO) No. 2020-59 and/or subsequent EOs.

ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for the Meridian EDC's Small Business Relief Grants, your business must meet certain eligibility requirements. This application packet includes questions to identify if your business is eligible. If it is, you will proceed to the application questions.

APPLICATION PERIOD

The application will be open until 5:00 pm on May 23, 2020.

Completed applications must be submitted via email to lane@meridian.mi.us

Meridian Township small businesses that were denied a grant from the Michigan Small Business Relief Program, as administered by the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP), can use the application previously submitted for the LEAP grant program to apply to the Meridian EDC's Small Business Relief Grant Program, if the business meets all eligibility requirements as specified in the Meridian EDC's Grant Overview (please note, the eligibility requirements differ from the LEAP grant program requirements).

PLEASE REVIEW BUSINESS ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION CRITERIA BEFORE STARTING THE APPLICATION. All documents are available on the Meridian EDC's page on the Meridian Township website, meridian.mi.us.

1. Is your business eligible for this grant?

Before you begin the grant application, you will be asked to acknowledge and agree to the eligibility conditions of the grant. If awarded, applicant acknowledges and agrees to the following:

- a. That the applicant business meets all eligibility requirements specified in the Meridian EDC's Grant Overview.
- b. That all questions in this application have been answered truthfully.
- c. That information provided in this application is public knowledge, in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.
- d. If awarded, applicant shall provide to the Meridian EDC a W-9 completed and signed within 24 hours of award notification.
- e. If awarded, that the business may be identified to the public in press releases and understands that application materials and any other items submitted may be subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the award as described above. Type your first and last name as acknowledgement. Upon your acknowledgement, you may proceed to the grant application questions.

2. Email Address:

3. Is your business a brick-and-mortar business located within Meridian Township?

4. Has your business been directly affected by the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic or the related EOs?

5. Has your business experienced significant financial damage specifically due to the COVID-19 pandemic or related EOs?

6. Is your business delinquent on any accounts, fees and taxes or assessments owed to Meridian Township?

7. Contact Information:

First Name:

Last Name:

Phone Number:

8. Name of Business:

9. Type of Business. Please choose the best fit from the following options (mark only one):

Construction / development

Child care / family services

Restaurant / dining

Retail

Fitness / gyms

Health care

Housing / hospitality

Business services

Manufacturer

Non-profit

Wholesaler / distributor

Personal care / grooming

Educational services

Sole proprietor

10. Business address street and number:

11. Do you own the building this business is located in?

12. Do you lease the building the business is located in? Lease Information:

First Name - Building Owner:

Last Name - Building Owner:

What is the length of your lease term?

13. Real and personal property parcel numbers:

14. Is there a mortgage on the building?

15. How long has the business you are applying on behalf of existed in Meridian Township?

16. Where was the business established and where is it headquartered?

17. Are you the owner of the business?

First Name - Business Owner(s):

Last Name - Business Owner(s):

Phone Number - Business Owner(s):

Email Address-Business Owner(s):

Does the Business Owner(s) live in Meridian Township?

18. Are you applying for a grant for another business as well?

19. If you answered yes to question 18, what is the name of the other business(es) you are also applying for?

20. Do you have any family, financial or close-friend relationship to anyone related to the Meridian EDC or Meridian Township?

21. If you answered yes to question 20, provide the names of all individuals and your relationship to each person:

22. Number of employees on February 28, 2020?

23. Number of employees today?

24. Have you received Payroll Protection Program (PPP) funds?

25. Total Revenue 2018?
26. Total Revenue 2019?
27. Average weekly revenue from April 2019?
28. Average weekly revenue from April 2020?
29. What is current status of your business operations?
30. Describe the history of your business as it relates to Meridian Township?
31. How does your business engage with the community in terms of special programs, events, philanthropy, etc.?
32. Briefly describe the intangible impact the business has on the residents of Meridian Township:
33. What makes your business well-liked by your customers, clients, employees and partners?
34. What makes your physical location meaningful to your neighbors and the broader community?
35. If your business were to cease operations, what other area businesses would be most impacted?
36. What makes your business unique?
37. What product or service offerings differentiate your business from competitors?
38. Describe any other financial support programs you have successfully secured at the local, state or federal level:
39. If your business were award a grant, what business expenses would the grant funding be applied to?