

# Bland County Coronavirus Relief Fund Small Business Grant Application

In response to COVID-19's effect on the local economy, Bland County is utilizing funds made available through the CARES Act to offer a grant fund focused on small businesses with an application process as included below. Please review eligibility and the process below. Our grant program is facilitated through the Bland County Economic Development Authority.

For the purposes of this grant program, small business is defined as a business with 50 or less full and part-time employees. The Disaster Recovery Grant Program will provide \$1,000-\$5,000 per cash grant per recipient. These funds will be competitive and reviewed by a Grant Review Committee.

To apply, review eligibility checklist and complete the following application. The application can be submitted either electronically or via the mail. County offices have restricted access due to COVID, so applicants cannot physically deliver applications. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure the application has been received by the grant application deadline. Applications are to be submitted to:

Via the mail to

Bland County Economic Development Authority P.O. Box 125 Bland, VA 24315

Or electronically to

eworkman@bland.org

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

- Applications will be processed as they are received. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.
- Hard copy and electronically submitted applications will be accepted.
- Applications may be emailed to <a href="mailto:eworkman@bland.org">eworkman@bland.org</a> or mailed to Bland County Economic Development Authority
   P.O. Box 125
   Bland, VA 24315
- Applications must be signed.
- Incomplete applications will be rejected. If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact County Administration at 276-688-4622 or <a href="eworkman@bland.org">eworkman@bland.org</a> prior to submitting.
- Applications will be reviewed by the Grant Committee of the Bland County Economic
  Development Authority and competitive awarded. Applications will be awarded based
  on the severity of COVID-19 impact on the business, the plan use of the requested
  funds, timeliness of the use of funds, and the availability of funds.
- Applicants are not guaranteed award and the Grant Committee may grant partial awards as deem appropriate.
- Grantees will be notified of grant award decisions no later than 30 days following the award of a grant.
- Grantees will be required to furnish additional information, including, but not necessarily limited to an IRS Form W-9 and certify that the funds will be used as described in the application. All funds must be expended by December 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Disbursement checks will be mailed out as grants are processed.
- Grantees may be reported to federal and state agencies, as part of the County of Bland's required reporting and any other public document as may be required by the CARES act. Information provided, except for confidential financial statements as allowed by Sections 2.2-3705.6 and 58.1-3 of the Code of Virginia are subject to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regulations.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Contact Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Telephone Number:	Office:
	Mobile:

### **BUSINESS DESCRIPTION**

Business Name/Full Legal Name:				
Business Description:				
Business Physical Address:				
Business Mailing Address:				
Business Email:				
Organization Type:	Sole Proprietorship	Partnership	LLC S Corp. C Co	orp
Date business established and operational in Bland County:				
EIN Number:				
Is your business located and operated within the County limits of Bland?	Yes No No			
Primary industry sector:	■ Tourism		Finance and insurance	
	□Construction		Real estate and rental leasing	
	■ Manufacturing		☐ Professional and technical services (medical)	
	☐ Wholesale trade		Personal Services (salon, barber)	
	Retail		☐ Arts, entertainment, and recreation	
	☐ Transportation and warehousing		☐ Hospitality (restaurant, catering, hotels)	
	☐ Information technolog	gy	Other	

# **GRANT REQUEST INFORMATION**

The competitive Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant Program may provide a \$1,000-\$5,000 cash grant per eligible recipient.

Grant Amount Requested:	\$
Number of employees as of date of application:	Full-time:
	Part-time (30 hours per week or less):
Number of employees as of March 13, 2020:	Full-time:
	Part-time (30 hours per week or less):
Are your County of Bland taxes and fees current?	Yes No No
Is your business currently operational?	Yes No
Describe how your business has been impacted by COVID-19 and how these funds will be used:	

### **GRANT REQUEST INFORMATION & ELIGIBILITY**

Grant Funds must be used to address COVID-19 impacts. Some examples of acceptable uses of grant funds include:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Other equipment and supplies to promote health and safety
- Technology to facilitate e-commerce and or virtual business operations
- Professional services related to the design and construction/alteration of the building environment necessary to promote physical and social distancing, as well as the actual costs for alterations
- Cleaning and disinfection services allowing your business to stay open
- Inventory
- Equipment
- Business rent or business mortgage costs if you have a physical location that receives customers (home rent or home mortgages would not be eligible uses)
- Business utilities if you have a physical location that receives customers (Propane, Electric, Water, Communication)

Please provide a line item list including dollar amount of how you will use the grant if awarded.

Use	Amount
Example: May Rent	\$500

#### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

Initials

I certify that the information above is correct to the best of my knowledge and that I am an authorized by my company to sign documents on its behalf. I authorize Bland County EDA to make inquiries as necessary to verify the accuracy of the statements made by me. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Bland County EDA and the County of Bland, its officers, directors, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all claims, loss or other liability arising from or related to the services that Bland County EDA provides before, during, and after the grant review process. I agree to be bound by the grant agreement if my application is accepted. I agree to provide documentation, if needed, of all uses of grant funding.

Notice: The Bland County EDA is dedicated to maintaining the confidentiality of all private client information including proprietary business data, business plans, and tax ID numbers. As an organization receiving financial support from state and federal agencies, we may be required to document and share client information with public and non-profit agencies as a condition of program funding. Such information will be treated as confidential by all parties and shared only to the extent required for program compliance and not for further distribution.

	Signature	е
	(For Electronic Signature) By checking this box and typing my name above, I am electronically signing my application	
	ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
	All applicants shall include a completed IRS Form W-9 with their application. Grants cannot b awarded without a completed IRS Form W-9.	3
	Application Checklist:	
	Completed Grant Application with Authorized Signature	
	Completed IRS Form W-9	
	If your grant is approved, additional documents may be required pertaining to use of funds.	
	Please initial here to indicate your acknowledgment of reading and understanding this checklist of required application documentation:	
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Date