

BACKGROUND

The City of Massillon is offering businesses located within the City low- interest forgivable financing through the newly formed Business Loan program. This unique financing tool offers loans to small businesses operating in the City of Massillon that have been negatively affected by the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. Retail, commercial, and entertainment businesses that rely on customers making purchases at their establishments are especially affected; this program is designed to provide relief to those types of businesses. Businesses must demonstrate hardship caused by the COVID-19 virus outbreak in order to qualify for financing.

HOW IT WORKS

Under this program, the City will provide emergency micro-loans to businesses negatively affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Businesses with **twenty-five (25)** or fewer employees are eligible to apply for funds, which will be used to pay for normal businesses expenses that have been made more difficult due to declining revenues caused by the COVID-19 outbreak. Businesses may apply for up to **\$5,000** in funds under this loan program. Businesses must have a physical location in the City of Massillon and have experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19. Funding is limited and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

INTEREST RATE

The CITY will be offering COVID-19 Emergency forgivable loans. This loan will have a three-year term at a 0% interest rate. If your business is able to retain at least ONE low or moderate income employee for the first three months after the receipt of loan funds then the loan will be completely forgiven. If your business is unable to provide such documentation, it will not be deemed to have met the requirements to enable it to be forgiven, however repayment will be deferred for the first twelve (12) month period after the loan is administered. Businesses will begin monthly loan repayments on month 13. After repayment begins, businesses shall have two (2) years (Twenty-four (24) months) to complete full repayment of the loan.

ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES

Retail



Wholesale



Service/Salons



Entertainment



Restaurant/Bar



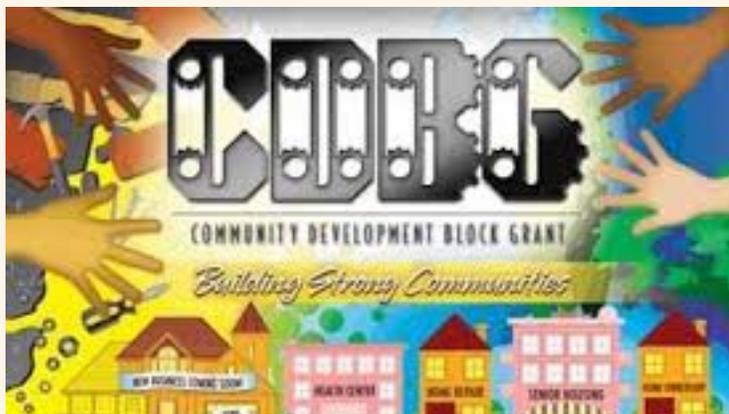
ELIGIBILITY

Small businesses, meeting the criteria stated above, that have experienced 30% or more loss in revenue due to the COVID-19 outbreak are eligible to apply for this emergency loan. Funds may be used for operating expenses for running day to day business operations including but not limited to covering payroll and rent. Businesses that are chains or franchises are not eligible to apply to this program. Loan funds are for commercial purposes only. Funds cannot be used for equipment purchases, construction or expansion related costs.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

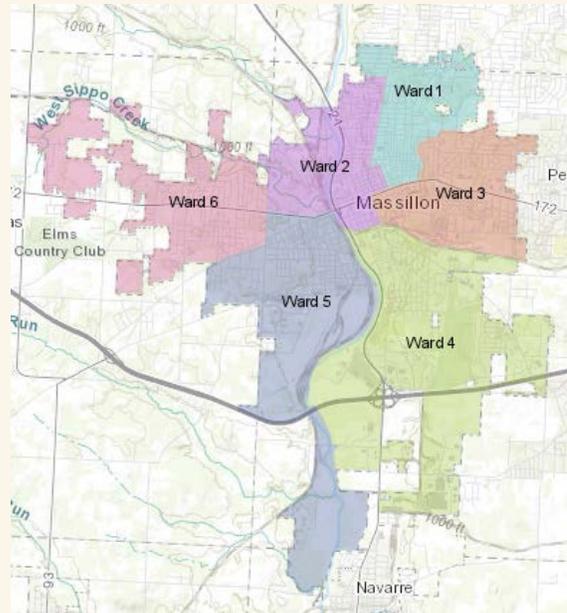
To meet the threshold for this loan there must be sufficient documentation that the jobs would have been lost without the loan assistance. This will include the certification provided by returning the attached Income Verification Form for each low/moderate income employee.

The CITY requires either that (i) a business owner submitting the application for the loan must be a low/moderate income individual (see attached income guidelines); or (ii) the business must provide evidence that at least one (1) low/moderate income employee is being retained.



GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE

This program only provides assistance to small businesses located in the City of Massillon, Ohio



APPLICATION PROCESS

Once funding is received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City will begin processing applications. **All** of the information submitted for our review must be signed and dated. Application and all attachments may be submitted via email to swalters@massillonohio.gov or mailed to:

Samantha Walters
Community Development Director
City of Massillon
151 Lincoln Way East
Massillon, OH 44646

Questions?

Please contact Samantha Walters with any questions or comments at (330)830-1721 or by email at swalters@massillonohio.gov.

*** Disclaimer: This loan program and any specific loans are contingent upon the availability of funds. If at any time this funding source is depleted, this loan program and any commitments to fund specific loans may become null and void.**