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SMALL BUSINESSES ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO \$15K IN NEW PHASE OF COVID RELIEF GRANTS

York, Williamsburg & Poquoson announce Phase 2 of grant program to reimburse small businesses for rent, mortgage expenses during pandemic

(YORKTOWN, VA, June 29, 2021) – York County, in partnership with the cities of Williamsburg and Poquoson, is launching Phase 2 of the COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program to reimburse small businesses for rent or mortgage expenses during the coronavirus pandemic.

This new iteration of the grant offers up to \$15,000 for businesses in the three participating localities who had 20 or fewer full-time-equivalent employees at some point during the pandemic. The program is funded by a Community Development Block Grant through the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development, which York County and the cities of Williamsburg and Poquoson secured for a second year.

York County’s Department of Community Services—which led the effort and will administer the program with support from economic development staff of each locality—applied for the new round of funding in April. They were awarded \$1.4 million, topping their 2020 allotment of \$1.23 million.

“By working together as a region, we improved our chances of receiving the Community Development Block Grant for a second time. We’re all one team working together to help the citizens,” said Abbitt Woodall, manager of York County’s Division of Housing and Neighborhood

Revitalization. “We’re going to continue being as creative and flexible as possible to assist York County businesses recover from the effects of the COVID pandemic.”

Applications for the COVID-19 Small Business Grant will be available online at the following websites beginning Thursday, July 1.

- **York County** businesses apply at www.yesorkcounty.com/330/CSBG
- **Poquoson** businesses apply at <https://www.ci.poquoson.va.us/376/Small-Business-Grants-for-COVID-19-Assis>
- **Williamsburg** businesses apply at <https://yeswilliamsburg.com/cdbggrant>



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