**SMALL BUSINESS STARTUP PROGRAM**

Provide direct grants to recently started businesses whose growth has been impacted, or expenses increased due to COVID. More information can be found at [https://covid.sd.gov](https://covid.sd.gov).

**Eligible businesses**

- Are physically located in South Dakota;
- Registered with the Secretary of State or Department of Revenue between September 1, 2019 and June 1, 2020;
- Have a net loss in 3 of the 6 months between March 2020 and August 2020 or average monthly income between March 2020 and August 2020 less than 120% of average monthly income prior to March 1, 2020.

**Information requirements**

Information and documentation requirements include, but are not limited to:

- Basic business information (e.g., legal name, TIN);
- Monthly income information to demonstrate eligibility in accordance with eligibility criteria listed above;
- Cash expenses incurred, including supporting documentation between March 1 and August 31, 2020 and federal COVID grant funding received in 2020;
- Certificate of Good Standing from the Secretary of State;
- Self-certifications:
  - Financial information submitted is accurate;
  - Business is a going concern;
  - Federal awards received;
  - Impact on cash flow is related to COVID; and
  - Mailing address or direct deposit banking information.

**How to apply**

Applications will be accepted and the call center will be open between October 13-23, 2020. Access program FAQs and submit your application at [https://covid.sd.gov](https://covid.sd.gov).

For assistance, please contact our call center from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday at **605.937.7243**