

**CITY OF GRANITE FALLS  
GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION 2020-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GRANITE FALLS CITY COUNCIL  
ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROCESS AND AUTHORIZING THE  
CITY MANAGER TO DISTRIBUTE GRANT FUNDING WITH A TOTAL  
AMOUNT OF \$35,000 TO QUALIFYING SMALL BUSINESSES LOCATED  
WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF GRANITE FALLS AS SELECTED UNDER THE  
GRANITE FALLS SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has determined that a pandemic exists due to the global spread of a highly contagious virus commonly known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington proclaimed a State of Emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hartman proclaimed an emergency on March 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the continuing COVID-19 epidemic adversely affects businesses of all types and has created a significant economic impact on the operation of small businesses, including causing several small businesses to temporarily close or significantly modify business operations; and

WHEREAS, the United State Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which was signed into law by the President on March 27th, 2020 to provide economic relief package to cities, American workers, families and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the city of Granite Falls has received CARES Relief Funds; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the Washington State Attorney General's Office issued guidance concluding that local governments may provide small business loans or grants where there is a clear nexus between such programs and either protecting the local economy or promoting compliance with public health guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the Granite Falls City Council authorized the City manager to approve expenditures related to COVID-19 relief from the CARES relief funds, including the creation of a local grant program to support COVID-19 related economic recovery for small businesses at its June 3, 2020 council meeting; and

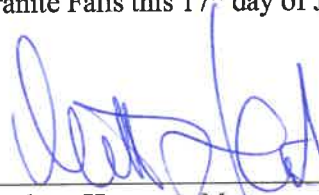
WHEREAS, the city, in coordination with the Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce, has instituted a grant program of \$35,000 designed to assist small Granite Falls businesses with operational costs impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE FALLS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby establishes a grant selection program. The approved selection criteria are set out in Attachment A to this Resolution. The Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce is delegated authority to receive applications, score applications, interview applicants, and set

suggested amounts of awards to applicants in a nondiscriminatory manner. The Granite Falls Chamber of Commerce then shall report its recommendations to the City Manager. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to distribute grant funding of \$35,000 to be distributed to qualifying small business applicants located within the city limits of Granite Falls as identified under the grant selection program. Applicants shall sign such grant agreements as the City Manager shall require.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Granite Falls this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



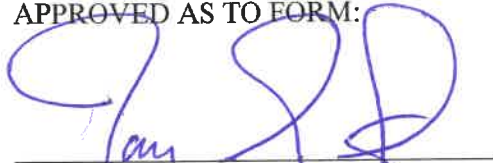
Matthew Hartman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Darla Reese, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Thomas H. Graafstra, City Attorney

# Attachment A

## Granite Falls Chamber Of Commerce Small Business Support Grants

### Criteria to apply:

- Business must be located in Granite Falls or primarily do business in Granite Falls.
- Regular operations have been impacted by COVID 19
- Valid business license with state and registered to do business with city of Granite falls prior to march of 2020.
- Less than 20 employees

### Application Questions:

- Business name
- UBI number
- Why do you need financial support? (what will it be used for?)
- What does your business provide to the community?
- How has your business supported/been involved in the community?
- Have you received any other financial support (PPP, Grants, EIDL loan etc)?
- How has Covid-19 impacted your business?
- How many are employed by your business?
- Why should your business be chosen to receive financial support? (Less than 200 words)
- How much financial support would you hope to receive?