

# CITY OF LORAIN

## Relief and Recovery Program

### Introduction

The City of Lorain (the “City”) conducted a city-wide survey to determine the prioritization for the use of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Based on these results, the City, through its Building, Housing, and Planning Department, has created the City of Lorain Relief and Recovery Fund (RRF) program. This program intends to provide grant assistance to local hospitality, tourism and other small businesses located within qualified census tracts that have been affected and negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic fallout.

### Guidance:

- Small Business Economic Assistance (EC 2.9) – Collection of this data will be phased in; no data will be collected in this area before April 2022:
  - a. Brief description of the structure and objectives of assistance program(s) (e.g., grants for additional costs related to Covid-19 mitigation)
  - b. Number of small businesses served (by program if recipient establishes multiple separate small businesses assistance programs)
  - c. Brief description of recipient’s approach to ensuring that aid to small businesses responds to a negative economic impact of COVID-19, as described in the Interim Final Rule
- Aid to Travel, Tourism, and Hospitality or Other Impacted Industries (EC 2.11-2.12) – Collection of this data will be phased in; no data will be collected in this area before April 2022:
  - a. If aid is provided to industries other than travel, tourism, and hospitality (EC 2.12), a description of pandemic impact on the industry and rationale for providing aid to the industry
  - b. Brief narrative description of how the assistance provided responds to negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic for each subaward:
    - i. Sector of employer (Note: additional detail, including list of sectors to be provided in a users’ guide)
    - ii. Purpose of funds (e.g., payroll support, safety measure implementation)

### Use of Funds:

The City will provide grants based on financial need to assist impacted businesses for any or all of the following purposes: for rent or mortgage payments, general operating or businesses expenses, utilities, payroll, and ancillary impacted business needs.

### Submittal Process:

All completed applications and supporting documents must be submitted to the City of Lorain, 200 W Erie Ave. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis pending funding availability and business eligibility. Applications will not be considered until all documents have been received by the city.

### Application Documents:

Refer to Appendix C for full application

- Business W-9
- Certification of Contractor Form
- Resident Business Registration
- Business Certificate & Organizational Documents

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- IRS Filing
- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- Documentation Showing Negative Economic Impact
- Documentation Detailing Grant Request

*Eligibility:*

- **SMALL BUSINESS:** Any business, registered at the local, state, and federal level with 25 or less employees located in the City of Lorain.
- **HOSPITALITY & TOURISM:** A business, registered at the local, state, and federal level that provides lodging, food and/or recreational services and is located in the City of Lorain. **If a nonprofit organization fits within this category, please apply for the Nonprofit Relief Fund.**
- Any business or organization that primarily sells tobacco products, cigarettes, electronic smoking devices, THC, or vapor products as those terms are defined in Section 2927.02 of the Ohio Revised Code or operating as a sexually oriented business as that term is defined in Section 2907.40 of the Ohio Revised Code are ineligible.