

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can I apply for the grant?

Grant applications will become available starting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 17. The grant application window will close at 5:00 p.m. on October 20, 2020.

Where can I obtain a copy of the application form and instruction sheet?

Application forms may be accessed beginning at 9:00am on Monday, August 17:

Downloadable form found on the COVID-19 Resource page at www.ahchamber.com.

Hard copy applications may be picked up at the following locations:

Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, 110 Mall Road, Covington VA 24426

Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation, Suite C, 9212 Winterberry Avenue, Covington VA 24426

City Clerk's Office, 333 West Locust Street, Covington VA 24426

Town Hall, 547 Main Street, Clifton Forge VA 24422

Town Hall, 401 Commerce Avenue, Iron Gate 24448

How do I submit a grant application?

All grant applications must be signed and submitted in hard-copy to the Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, no later than 5:00pm on October 30, 2020. 110 Mall Road, Covington VA 24426.

I have not been notified of my status, how do I find out? What is the timeline for notifying grant applicants of their grant status?

Everyone who applies will receive an email notifying them that their grant application was received within three business days of receipt. If you haven't received a verification email, please check your spam inbox. Upon review, if your application is missing information and/or reviewees have questions/concerns regarding your grant application, you will be contacted directly.



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I received a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan and or a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). Can I apply for this grant?

Yes—Applicants will be responsible for complying with the terms and requirements of loan and grant programs from different sources.

Can I apply for both the Retooling/Technology and Mortgage/Rent grant funds?

Yes – We highly recommend applying for both.

How have equity principals been incorporated into the grant process?

Allegheny County, the City of Covington, the Town of Clifton Forge and the Town of Iron Gate have the joint goal of being inclusive and assisting the diverse small businesses located within the region. The application includes a question which asks about business's status of woman-owned, minority-owned and/or disadvantaged enterprise certified businesses . These questions are asked for tracking purposes only. The program is offered without regard to race, creed, color, sex, religion, marital status, age, national origin, ancestry, political affiliation, sexual orientation, disability, or veteran status. All grantees benefiting from this grant funding must also adhere to this policy. Additionally, multiple marketing platforms are being deployed to ensure that the grant program is broadly promoted throughout the region's business community.

I have additional questions not answered on this page. Who do I contact?

Please contact Susan Knick, Grant Program Manager at sknick@ahchamber.com or call (540) 962-2178

