



**County Administrative
Office
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: August 18, 2020

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Marta Rodriguez PHONE: 636-5005

SUBJECT: Accept a report from the Workforce Investment Board regarding the COVID-19 Business Assistance Program

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Accept a report from the Workforce Investment Board regarding the COVID-19 Business Assistance Program, including final applicant pool data.
2. Direct staff to revise the COVID-19 Business Assistance Program application guidelines stated in Exhibit A-1 to County Agreement No. 29765 with the Workforce Investment Board, if warranted by the final applicant pool data.

SUMMARY:
On March 11, 2020, the County Coordinator of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency due to the presence of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) within Tulare County, which was later ratified by the Board on March 17, 2020. On March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a public health emergency in response to the growing pandemic. Since that time, the severity of the local emergency has increased daily, with additional reported cases of COVID-19 infections and related deaths in California, across the county and around the world.

Many small businesses are now experiencing economic difficulties as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Small businesses have suffered unprecedented hardships as they struggle to remain open during this public health emergency and weather the dramatic decrease in economic activity. Some businesses, such as bars, gyms and personal care services, have been forced to close their doors for extended periods.

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On March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law. Portions of the CARES Act provide emergency funding for individuals, families, businesses and local governments affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Tulare County is eligible to receive \$48.9 million in CARES Act funding. On July 14, 2020, the Board approved the Tulare County Funding Plan, which earmarks \$5.5 million for support to small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board also authorized the use of an additional \$2.5 million from the Plan’s contingency fund for additional small business support, should the demand exist.

On July 21, 2020, the Board approved an agreement with the Workforce Investment Board to administer the Tulare County COVID-19 Business Assistance Program and appropriated \$7.5 million of CARES Act funding for the program. The program will administer \$5,000 grants to qualified small business applicants to cover business expenses incurred between March 19, 2020 and September 30, 2020. Exhibit A1 to the agreement included guidelines for qualified applicants. The application period opened on August 3, 2020, and was scheduled to close on August 16, 2020.

If the final applicant pool does not include enough qualified applicants, the Board may consider revising the guidelines to give additional small businesses the chance to qualify under the revised guidelines. If the Board revises the guidelines to extend the deadline for eligible business expenditures to October 31, 2020, this will provide the grant recipients with more time to utilize their grants.

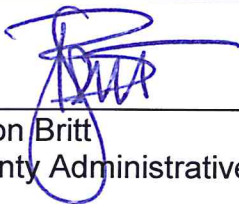
FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no cost associated with receiving an update on the COVID-19 Business Assistance Program or considering revisions to the application guidelines.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County’s strategic plan includes the Safety and Security Initiative to provide for the safety and security of the public. This agreement supports the County’s efforts to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on local businesses.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Jason Britt
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Office

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPT A REPORT)
FROM THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT) Resolution No. _____
BOARD REGARDING THE COVID-19) Agreement No. _____
BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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1. Accepted a report from the Workforce Investment Board regarding the COVID-19 Business Assistance Program, including final applicant pool data.
2. Directed staff to revise the COVID-19 Business Assistance Program application guidelines stated in Exhibit A-1 to County Agreement No. 29765 with the Workforce Investment Board, if warranted by the final applicant pool data.