

## CBJ Business Sustainability Grant Program

Small businesses and nonprofits in Juneau that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic can now apply for financial relief through the CBJ's COVID-19 Business Sustainability Grant Program. Following a recommendation by the Economic Stabilization Task Force, the Juneau Assembly passed an ordinance June 8 appropriating \$3.5 million for the first phase of the program, which is being administered by the [Juneau Economic Development Council \(JEDC\)](#). Learn more about grant eligibility and apply [here](#).

The goal is to assist businesses and nonprofits through the COVID-19 economic downturn and allow them to continue to operate in 2021. The maximum grant amount for Phase 1 is 33 percent of the business' total lease/rent, utility, and long-term debt costs between April 1 and August 31 but not to exceed \$33,000.00 per business. The \$3.5 million Assembly appropriation comes from the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund. Read the full legislation [here](#). Go to the [JEDC website](#) to access the grant worksheet and to apply.

Juneau nonprofits can apply for this grant program, though CBJ is also working on a grant program to provide CARES Act funding specifically to nonprofits. CBJ has formed a planning group of CBJ staff, Economic Stabilization Task Force members, and [Juneau Community Foundation](#) with support from the Foraker Group. Subject to review and approval by the Assembly, the goal is to have a grant program specifically for nonprofits by the end of July.

