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ADDITIONAL \$2 MILLION AVAILABLE TO LOCAL BUSINESSES THROUGH CITY OF BAKERSFIELD'S B-CARES PROGRAM

The City of Bakersfield is asking any small business owner interested in receiving a grant from the City's B-CARES program apply before Friday, Dec. 11, 2020 at 5 p.m. The application and eligibility information can be found on the City's website [here](#).

An additional \$2 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds has been made available for local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The City originally set aside \$3 million in CARES Act funds for the B-CARES program. Since the program launched in September, the City has awarded nearly \$2 million in grants to more than 300 local small businesses.

Based on demand, the City will be shifting an additional \$2 million of CARES Act funds into the B-CARES Program, which is anticipated to fund the remaining eligible applications. The additional funding is being allocated from other CARES Act-funded programs the City has undertaken that have realized savings. All CARES Act funding must be expended by the end of the calendar year.

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