Lake County is allocating up to $12 million in emergency relief to support local businesses within the County that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds are available as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act federal stimulus package. As a part of that relief, the County is offering emergency financial support through the Lake CARES Business Assistance Grant Program on a first come first serve basis to qualifying businesses with accurate and complete applications. Qualifying businesses may be eligible to receive a one-time grant between $4,000 and $30,000 to help them recover from the negative financial consequences resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**For-Profit Business Eligibility**

- Business was in operation prior to February 15, 2020.
- Business has been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 emergency.
- Business has a physical location in Lake County that was operating legally within Lake County and the State of Florida prior to February 15, 2020.
- Business can demonstrate ongoing operations within Lake County, State of Florida, through February 15, 2020.
- Business expects to continue/resume operations after all State Executive Orders restrictions are lifted.
- Business is not a subsidiary or partially owned by a publicly traded company or a hedge fund.
- Business does not have any legal actions against or from Lake County or its municipalities, including code enforcement liens.
- No owner, officer, partner, or principal actor of the business has a felony conviction for financial mismanagement within the last two years for which he or she is still serving a sentence (including prison, parole, and probation).
- Business is not operating in violation of any state, federal or local laws.

**Documentation Required to Upload**

1. A Completed IRS Form W-9
2. The following, as applicable:
   - Most recent State of Florida business filing Annual Report
   - DBA/Fictitious Name registration
   - Most recent County Business Tax Receipt and/or City Business Tax Receipt
   - 2019 IRS Form 1040 – Schedule C
   - IRS Form 941 (Q4 2019) or IRS Form 943 (Annual 2019) for business paying wages
3. Driver’s License Copy for each applicant (front only)
NON-PROFITS
Lake County is allocating up to $3.5 million in emergency relief to support local non-profits and Chambers of Commerce within the County that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds are available as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act federal stimulus package. As a part of that relief, the County is offering emergency financial support through the Lake CARES Business Assistance Grant Program on a first come first serve basis to qualifying organizations with accurate and complete applications. Qualifying non-profits and Chambers of Commerce may be eligible to receive a one-time grant of $10,000 to help them recover from the negative financial consequences resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Non-Profit Eligibility
- Organization is a Non-profit 501(c)(3) or Chamber of Commerce.
- Organization was in operation prior to February 15, 2020.
- Organization has been negatively impacted due to the COVID-19 emergency.
- Organization has a physical location in Lake County that was operating legally within Lake County and the State of Florida prior to February 15, 2020.
- Organization expects to continue/resume operations after all State Executive Orders restrictions are lifted.
- Organization is not a subsidiary of another organization.
- Organization does not have any legal actions against or from Lake County or its municipalities, including code enforcement liens.
- No owner, officer, partner, or principal actor of the organization has a felony conviction for financial mismanagement within the last two years for which he or she is still serving a sentence (including prison, parole, and probation).
- Organization is not operating in violation of any state, federal or local laws.

Documentation Required to Upload
1. A Completed IRS Form W-9
2. A copy of IRS 501(c)(3) determination letter or other IRS recognition document
3. The following, as applicable:
   - Most recent State of Florida business filing Annual Report
   - DBA/Fictitious Name registration
   - Most recent County Business Tax Receipt and/or City Business Tax Receipt
   - IRS Form 941 (Q4 2019) or IRS Form 943 (Annual 2019) for organizations paying wages
4. Driver’s License Copy for each applicant (front only)