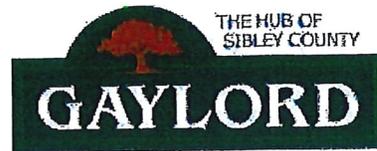


Gaylord Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, July 13, 2020 (5:30 P.M.)
Please call 237-2338 if you are unable to attend.

1. CALL TO ORDER (5:30 P.M.)
2. Roll Call
 - Lory Young, EDA Director O
 - Lynn Grochow, Council Member O
 - Scott Kuphal, Council Member O
 - Scott Amorim O
 - Lindsey Bruns O
 - Jeremiah Williams O
3. AGENDA APPROVAL with any additions or corrections:
 1. Approve 07/13/2020 agenda
4. CONSENT AGENDA:
 1. Approve minutes for 12/09/19 GEDA Meeting P2
 2. Expenditure and Revenue Reports P5
 3. Revolving Loan Fund Balances P7
5. MONTHLY REPORTS/UPDATES:
 1. EDA Director Updates – Lory Young
 - a. Wolverine Meadows apartments P8
 - b. Pond Meadows P9
 2. Other Reports
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 1. Discussion regarding Mobile Home Park
7. NEW BUSINESS:
 1. Discussion on Assistance to Local Businesses P11
8. ADJOURNMENT



**Gaylord Economic Development Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 9, 2019 (5:00 P.M.)**

I. CALL TO ORDER (5:00 P.M.)

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Chuck Klimmek, President called the Gaylord Economic Development Authority meeting to order in Gaylord City Hall at 5:00 P.M.

Members present: Chuck Klimmek, (President), Doug Parrott, (Vice President),
Scott Amorim and Lynn Grochow.

Members absent: Homme, Amorim

Staff present: Lory Young, (City Administrator/EDA Director); Aaron Walton (City Attorney); Lori Doering, Deputy Clerk

Staff absent: None

Guests present: Lisa Uecker; Gaylord Hub.

II. AGENDA APPROVAL with any additions or corrections:

1. Approve 12/09/2019 agenda

THE DECEMBER 09, 2019 AGENDA WAS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS;

Under New Business

1. Doug Parrott would like to speak.

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve minutes for 11/18/19 GEDA Meeting
2. EDA Fund Balances :
 - I. EDA General Money Market Fund \$15,290.39
 - II. Sign & Awning Account Balance \$ 4,107.66
 - III. EDA Down Payment Assistance Program Funds \$16,671.63
 - IV. Commercial Rehabilitation Loan Program Funds \$79,846.08
 - Total: \$115,915.76

Micro Loan Outstanding Balances as of 11/30/19 \$3,500.00

MOTION BY GROCHOW, SECONDED BY PARROTT TO APPROVE THE 12/09/2019 CONSENT AGENDA WITH ALL MEMBERS VOTING IN FAVOR, THE MOTION CARRIED.

IV. MONTHLY REPORTS/UPDATES:

1. Council liaisons
 - a. Tom Homme - Absent
 - b. Lynn Grochow - None
2. Staff Reports – Lory Young - None
3. Other Reports - None

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on Wolverine Meadows apartments
Young has been receiving updates and they plan to begin framing through the winter.
2. Update on Pond Meadows
 - a) Marketing/signage
Young stated Justin Black is working on the artwork for the website and she called the billboard company and received some pricing.
 - b) Town House Development
Young reported that Nishul is backing out of the Townhome development and wants to develop five of the other lots. Young said she would not sell five lots at a time, he was complaining about the twenty-four month build time frame. Council agreed to sell him four lots for \$20,000.00 each. Young also told him we could begin the 24 months build period in the spring. Klimmek suggested holding an open house with building plans to the public.
3. Update on proposed hotel
Young stated we have the preliminary plat for Planning & Zoning. Young also explained there is an issue with James Swanson address is wrong since day one. His address has been Lakeside Drive and according to our city maps, it should be 11th Street East. Young said she is not sure what we should do about it.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding future of the EDA
Klimmek went through his records since he has been president and highlighted some of the types of things the EDA has done. He also went to the state statute website and pulled out parts of the statute that authorizes cities to create Economic Authorities. Klimmek and Parrott do not feel the EDA should be disbanded but at this time did not want to make a formal statement to the council about it. Walton stated each city uses an EDA differently than other cities. They can be an advisory committee to the council or be its own entity.

Young reported that she gave the contact information for the Habitat lot information to Rural Housing 360 so if they want to connect with them to get something going.

Young stated she heard from Amberfield that they sent out RFP's for obtaining an appraisal for the trailer court to sell the property.

Young explained that the junkyard property went back to the County and they asked the city if they wanted it back, council said no so it will now go to public auction.

Parrott announced he will be resigning his position on the EDA Board, effective December 31, 2019. He stated it has been a privilege to serve with the Council, the EDA Board and the staff and takes pride in everything they have accomplished. He is actively looking for a

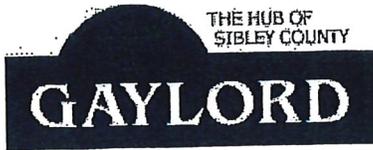
replacement. Chuck's term is up and he is asking to not be appointed again, Parrott will need to submit a resignation letter.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Parrott, second by Grochow, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Klimmek, EDA President



CITY OF GAYLORD
Expenditure Guideline - By Department
JUNE 2020

Account Descr	2020 YTD Budget	JUNE 2020 Amt	2020 YTD Amt	Enc Current	2020 YTD Balance	%YTD Budget
DEPT 46500 Economic Develop mt (GENERAL)						
E 101-46500-101 Salaries - Full Time	\$31,962.00	\$2,421.03	\$15,688.94	\$0.00	\$16,273.06	49.09%
E 101-46500-102 Salaries - Over Tim	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-103 Salaries - Part Time	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$1,650.00	8.33%
E 101-46500-121 PERA	\$2,397.00	\$181.59	\$1,176.66	\$0.00	\$1,220.34	49.09%
E 101-46500-122 FICA	\$1,982.00	\$150.10	\$982.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	49.55%
E 101-46500-125 Medicare	\$463.00	\$35.12	\$229.76	\$0.00	\$233.24	49.62%
E 101-46500-131 Employer Paid Heal	\$3,908.00	\$343.95	\$2,063.69	\$0.00	\$1,844.31	52.81%
E 101-46500-200 Supplies (GENERAL	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-302 Committee/Board/J	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-303 Engineering Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-304 Legal Fees	\$5,000.00	\$163.50	\$1,518.11	\$0.00	\$3,481.89	30.36%
E 101-46500-305 Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-307 EDA Administration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-308 Professional Fees	\$10,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,250.00	\$0.00	\$5,750.00	42.50%
E 101-46500-314 Recording Fees	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-321 Telephone	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-322 Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-331 Meeting and Travel	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-340 TIF Settlement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-352 Ads & Notices	\$1,000.00	\$181.84	\$1,038.75	\$0.00	-\$38.75	103.88%
E 101-46500-360 Workmen Comp. In	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	50.00%
E 101-46500-361 Liability Insurance	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-363 Bond Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-405 Computer Maintena	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-433 Dues and Subscripti	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	-\$500.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-434 Business/Industrial	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-436 Promotions	\$30,000.00	\$2,290.00	\$2,290.00	\$0.00	\$27,710.00	7.63%
E 101-46500-440 Other	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-580 Capital Outlay	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	0.00%
E 101-46500-710 Transfers Out	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
DEPT 46500 Economic Develop mt	\$107,289.00	\$7,267.13	\$29,888.91	\$0.00	\$77,400.09	

CITY OF GAYLORD

Revenue Guideline by Department

JUNE 2020

GAYLORD

Account Descr	2020 YTD Budget	JUNE 2020 Amt	2020 YTD Amt	2020 Balance	2020 % of Budget
DEPT 46500 Economic Develop mt (GENERAL)					
R 101-46500-33190 Other Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
R 101-46500-34103 Variance and Co	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
R 101-46500-36210 Interest Earnings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
R 101-46500-36211 Loan Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
R 101-46500-36212 Loan Principal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
R 101-46500-36230 Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
R 101-46500-36231 Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
R 101-46500-36232 E D A Lot Sales	\$165,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$165,000.00	0.00%
R 101-46500-36233 Insurnace Divide	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.04	-\$0.04	0.00%
R 101-46500-36236 Pond Meadow Lo	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
DEPT 46500 Economic Develop mt	\$165,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.04	\$164,999.96	

Gaylord Revolving Loan Fund
Status as of May 31, 2020

	12/31/2019 Balance	Principal Payments	Uncollectable Loans	New Loans	5/31/2020 Balance	2020 Interest
235-10460						
4th Street Pizza	19,174.96	1,207.12			17,967.84	311.58
FITCO	10,552.53	485.37		0.00	10,067.16	114.63 (April&May payments deferred per Council)
Ron Geiger	12,411.27	1,320.60			11,090.67	198.10
Hahn Family Properties	0.00	-		-	-	0.00
Hahn Foods	7,273.83	1,406.79			5,867.04	111.91
HUG, LLP	0.00	-			-	0.00
Total RLF	49,412.59	4,419.88	-	-	44,992.71	736.22
234-10460						
SCDP Loans						
KMA	357.03	357.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.79
K & H Homes	1,947.24	878.48	0.00	0.00	1,068.76	19.97
State Farm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total SCDP	2,304.27	1,235.51	0.00	0.00	1,068.76	21.76
235-10460						
Micro Loans						
Genuine Auto Parts	1,100.00	500.00		0.00	600.00	0.00 Pd off in June 2020
Lang's Meat Market	1,100.00	500.00		0.00	600.00	0.00
Neisen's Bar of Gaylord	1,100.00	500.00		0.00	600.00	0.00
Total Micro Loans	3,300.00	1,500.00		0.00	1,800.00	0.00
232-10460						
Tier 1 & 2 Loans						
Batres	4,722.22	694.45	0.00	0.00	4,027.77	0.00
Batres	19,567.13	1,090.86	0.00	0.00	18,476.27	219.24
Total Tier 1 & 2 Loans	24,289.35	1,785.31	0.00	0.00	22,504.04	219.24
Total RLF, SCDP, Tier 1 & 2 & Micro	79,306.21	8,940.70	0.00	0.00	70,365.51	977.22
232-46500-						
						36211
						232-46500-

WOLVERINE MEADOWS

630 Harvey Drive, Gaylord, MN 55334

38 Units / 3 Stories ****Destiny from Panther Hts is doing the leasing)*****Detached Garages \$60 (40 total) Opening August 2020*

Unit	Unit Type	Size	Rent Potential	Sq Ft
105	B	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	921
106	B	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	921
107	B	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	921
108	C	2BD/1BA	\$1,095	921
109	C	2BD/1BA	\$1,095	921
110	E	3BD/2BA	\$1,295	1230
111	C	2BD/1BA	\$1,095	921
112	A.1	1BD/1BA HC	\$795	664
113	D	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	1013
114	D	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	1013
201	A	1BD/1BA	\$795	664
202	A.3	1BD/1BA+ DEN	\$895	775
203	A.4	1BD/1BA	\$845	681
204	A	1BD/1BA	\$795	664
205	B	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	921
206	B	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	921
207	B	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	921
208	C	2BD/1BA	\$1,095	921
209	C	2BD/1BA	\$1,095	921
210	E	3BD/2BA	\$1,295	1230
211	C.1	2BD/1BA+ DEN	\$1,095	1002
212	A	1BD/1BA	\$795	664
213	D	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	1013
214	D	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	1013
301	A	1BD/1BA	\$795	664
302	A.3	1BD/1BA+ DEN	\$895	775
303	A.4	1BD/1BA	\$845	681
304	A	1BD/1BA	\$795	664
305	B	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	921
306	B	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	921
307	B	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	921
308	C	2BD/1BA	\$1,095	921
309	C	2BD/1BA	\$1,095	921
310	E	3BD/2BA	\$1,295	1230
311	C.1	2BD/1BA+ DEN	\$1,095	1002
312	A	1BD/1BA	\$795	664
313	D	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	1013
314	D	2BD/2BA	\$1,195	1013

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**EMPLOYMENT AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Small Business Relief Grants Applications open June 23

Dear Partners,

Please find the information below related to the Small Business Relief Grant Program through the State of MN Department of Employment and Economic Opportunity. The application will go live on Tuesday, June 23. All applications will be run through the State of Minnesota website. We will send out another reminder when the link for the application becomes live. The application process will be a simple survey application and will be open for 10 days. Please forward this on to people who you know might be interested.

Thank you,

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

More than \$60 million available in grants to small businesses affected by COVID-19

St. Paul – The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) has announced that the Minnesota Small Business Relief Grants Program – which was approved by the Minnesota Legislature last week and signed by Governor Tim Walz on Tuesday – will begin accepting applications next week.

This program will provide \$10,000 grants to small businesses that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses with 50 or fewer full-time employees are eligible. Half of the funding will go to businesses in Greater Minnesota and half to businesses in the seven-county Twin Cities metro area, as required by law.

Additional requirements include:

- \$18 million for businesses with six or fewer full-time employees
- \$10 million for minority business enterprises
- \$2.5 million for veteran-owned businesses

- \$2.5 million for women-owned businesses
- \$2.5 million for operators of indoor retail and food markets with an ethnic cultural emphasis

"Small businesses across our state urgently need this relief," said DEED Commissioner Steve Grove. "DEED applauds the bipartisan action to pass this legislation, and we are grateful to Governor Walz for signing the bill quickly so we could immediately get this grant program up and running."

The application period will begin on Tuesday, June 23 and close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 2 to fulfill the 10-day period required by the law. A randomized, computer-generated lottery process will be used to select eligible businesses that will receive awards. All awards will be administered by qualified local and regionally based nonprofit agencies, and the grant funds can be used for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility bills, and other similar business expenses.

To be eligible, businesses must have a permanent physical location in Minnesota and be majority owned by a permanent resident of Minnesota. Businesses must be able to demonstrate hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Additional eligibility requirements and application information can be found online at DEED's [Small Business Relief Grants](#) page.

DEED is the state's principal economic development agency, promoting business recruitment, expansion and retention, workforce development, international trade and community development. For more information about the agency and its services visit the [DEED website](#) or follow [DEED](#) on Twitter.

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Small Business Relief Grants Are OPEN

Application period June 23 - July 2, 2020

The [Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development \(DEED\)](#) just announced additional financial relief for small businesses and farmers. We encourage you to review the requirements to see if this could benefit your business. Customers who received PPP loans are eligible to apply!

DEED is making available \$60.3 million (\$30 million for Greater Minnesota) for small businesses in the form of \$10,000 grants that do not have to be repaid.

The application period began June 23, and closes July 2 at 5:00 pm.

The State of Minnesota will choose grant recipients by a computer-generated, randomized lottery system. [Click on the link](#) below for more information and to apply for a grant.

APPLY FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANTS

Lory Young

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation seeking applications for Small Town Grants: COVID-19 Response



OWATONNA, Minn., June 25, 2020 – Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF) is currently accepting applications for its Small Town Grants: COVID-19 Response Program.

Towns with populations of 10,000 or less in SMIF's 20-county region are eligible to apply. Requests of up to \$10,000 will be considered.

This year, through a generous partner donation, the Small Town Grant Program will be focused on helping small towns respond and recover from the hardships created by the COVID-19 crisis and the effects on the community. Requests will be prioritized for projects that address a community issue that was created by COVID-19 and supports vulnerable community members. Requests will also be prioritized for projects that address economic gaps, educational gaps or racial inequities that were manifested or made worse by the current crisis.

"We know that the COVID-19 crisis has created economic and community hardships for many, and that our smallest towns may need extra assistance in their recovery," said Tim Penny, President and CEO of SMIF. "We hope that this grant will support small towns in addressing the critical needs they are currently facing."

While the Small Town Grant typically supports towns that are 5,000 or less, this special grant round will serve towns that are 10,000 or less. Nonprofit organizations and units or agencies of local, state, and federal government are encouraged to apply.

Applications are due to SMIF by July 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Awards will be made in mid-August, 2020. For the application and guidelines, visit www.smifoundation.org or contact Jennifer Heien, Grants Coordinator, at 507-214-7040 or jenniferh@smifoundation.org.

Guidelines and Application

About Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (SMIF), a donor-supported foundation, invests for economic growth in the 20 counties of south central and southeastern Minnesota. The Foundation has provided more than \$114 million in grants, loans and programming within the region during the past 34 years. SMIF's key interests include early childhood, community and economic development. To learn more about our work and mission, visit www.smifoundation.org.

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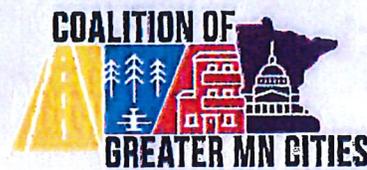
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CGMC in Brief - June 25, 2020

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CGMC in Brief



A weekly newsletter for members of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

June 25, 2020

Local governments to receive long-awaited CARES Act money

The Walz administration [announced today](#) that the Department of Revenue (DOR) will initiate the process of distributing \$841 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds to local governments. The distribution will follow the same formula and principles as a deal that was previously reached between the four legislative leaders but failed to pass during the special session.

Upon word that Gov. Walz would honor that agreement by using his executive authority to distribute the money based on the previously agreed-upon terms, the CGMC [released a statement](#) from our president, Willmar City Councilor Audrey Nelson, that we are "happy and relieved" local governments will finally receive their share of this funding. To check how much your city will receive, [go to this link on the CGMC website](#).

So how and when will cities receive the money? Cities should go to [this link on the Department of Revenue website](#) to fill out a certification form. This certifies the intent of the city to follow the [federal guidelines for the use of the funds](#). Cities must first download and complete the [Coronavirus Relief Fund Certification Form \(PDF\)](#), and email it to proptax.admin@state.mn.us as indicated on the DOR website. Certifications from local governments will be accepted through Sept. 15, 2020, but we encourage cities to submit theirs as soon as possible.

The money will then be distributed on a rolling basis, starting the week of June 29. The money is available to be used by the cities for [COVID-19 related expenses](#) through Nov. 15, 2020. Any unspent funds will then be sent to a city's home county.

If you have any questions related to the CARES Act distribution and timeline, please contact CGMC Executive Director Bradley Peterson at BMPeterson@flaherty-hood.com. The CGMC and member cities are working with DOR on the roll out of these dollars to ensure that all questions are answered and all details are addressed.

CGMC weighs in on proposed environmental regulations

In the midst of the special session last week, CGMC was also actively engaged in several environmental regulatory matters.

Early in the week, the CGMC submitted [formal comments on the site specific standard for specific conductance on the Rock River](#). The standard arose in response to problems some CGMC cities, including Luverne, have faced due to outdated limits for salty parameters in their permit. The outdated limit has hampered economic development. CGMC supports the site-specific standard proposal as it would replace outdated permit limits with updated science. CGMC also urges the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to take the next step and complete rulemaking on the outdated Class 3 and 4 waters that led to this problem in the first place.

Later in the week, CGMC submitted [comments on the Lake Pepin Draft Total Maximum Daily Load \(TMDL\) report](#), which sets waste load allocations for wastewater, stormwater and other discharges that ultimately end up in Lake Pepin. Nearly half of the state's landmass drains to Lake Pepin, located on the Mississippi River just south of Red Wing. The quality of the lake has significantly improved, with 81% of the phosphorus reductions coming from wastewater facilities. Despite these improvements, the TMDL would require further reductions at some wastewater facilities and from many city stormwater systems.

In our comments, CGMC expressed concern that MPCA continues to pursue additional reductions even though according to its own data the lake is no longer impaired. CGMC remains concerned that many of the limits in this draft were already placed into local wastewater permits before the TMDL was proposed, thereby circumventing a city's right to provide meaningful comment. CGMC included a request for a contested case in its comments in the hope of resolving some of these issues.

If you have questions on either of these matters, please contact CGMC environmental lobbyist Elizabeth Wefel at eawefel@flaherty-hood.com.

State accepting applications for small business grants through July 2

On Tuesday, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) launched the application period for the [Small Business Relief Grant Program](#), created during the recent special session. Grants of \$10,000 are available for businesses with 50 or fewer full-time employees that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the \$60 million allocated for the program, \$30 million is available for businesses in Greater Minnesota.

Although any small business that can demonstrate economic hardship due to the pandemic is eligible to apply, special consideration is being made for businesses that were ordered to be at 50% capacity as of May 18; minority, woman or veteran-owned businesses; and employers with six or fewer employees.

The grant awards will be conducted by a lottery, so all applicants will have an equal chance to get a grant. Please share this information with small businesses owners in your community who may be interested in applying.

Legislature increases funding for Child Care Assistance Program

In the final hours of the special session, the Legislature passed (and Gov. Walz later signed) a bill to increase funding for the state's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), which currently helps cover child care costs for more than 30,000 low-income children across the state. Before this bill, Minnesota faced losing up to \$5.5 million in federal funding for children because the state's CCAP reimbursement rates were below the federal requirement of 25% of a recent market analysis. Minnesota's CCAP rates are currently 16.3% for in-home providers and 23% for centers.

The new investment, \$85 million in total, will come from two federal sources. Most of the money, \$65 million, will come from unspent funds in the state's federal block grant for child care programs that was previously inaccessible because Minnesota's reimbursement rates were below the federally required 25%. The remaining \$20 million will come from the state's CARES Act fund for aid to the child care industry. [This MinnPost article](#) does a good job describing the agreement.

Backlogs persist as bill to improve driver testing services fails to survive special session

As reported in last Thursday's edition of the CGMC in Brief, the CGMC engaged with the Department of Vehicle Services (DVS) and legislators in the House and Senate who are working on a plan to alleviate a massive driver testing backlog. In May, DVS moved forward with a plan that it said would help reduce the backlog, but it was structured around re-opening only 14 of its 93 testing centers statewide.

CGMC became involved when the DVS plan began to be implemented and resulted in significant geographic disparities. Many Greater Minnesota residents now live more than 90 minutes from the nearest testing center, with some parts of

the state having no options available within a 4.5-hour round trip drive. Moreover, in communicating with cities and counties that are home to the closed testing centers, we found that few if any had received clear communication from DVS about its plans for the testing site. At the urging of the CGMC, a letter went out to local officials in those communities late last week and early this week.

In the waning hours of last week's special session, the Senate unanimously passed [Special Session SF 28](#), a bill designed to make some incremental changes to improve DVS's processes and expand online services. Although the bill appeared to reflect a near-agreement with the House, that body did not take up the measure before special session adjourned Saturday morning.

While the bill would not have alleviated all of our concerns, it would have made positive progress by allowing DVS to add online knowledge testing — alleviating the need for a trip to an in-person location to take one major component of the driving test. It also would have called on DVS to issue a report to the Legislature on the backlog, which would include information on wait times by location.

The CGMC will continue to track this issue. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact CGMC transportation lobbyist Shane Zahrt at SAZahrt@flaherty-hood.com.

PERB status uncertain

In 2014, Minnesota's Public Labor Relations Act (PELRA) was amended to transfer jurisdiction of unfair labor practice claims from state district courts to a new Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) starting July 1, 2015. The amended PELRA and rules would likely have exposed public employers to more unfair labor practice claims with corresponding financial and legal liability under a more cumbersome process requiring faster and more frequent employer responses compared to district court.

Subsequently, the Legislature failed to provide sufficient funding for PERB to function and eventually extended its start date to July 1, 2020. Because there is

still insufficient funding for PERB to perform its duties and responsibilities, the House passed a bill ([HF108](#)) in the recent special session to delay its start date to July 1, 2022. The House bill was laid on the table by the Senate. Unless and until a law is enacted, which is improbable before July 1 based on the status of the Legislature, PERB is required by law to have jurisdiction over unfair labor practice claims starting July 1, 2020. However, PERB does not appear to have the infrastructure or resources to process claims.

We will be monitoring the law and practical implications for PERB during this time of uncertainty. If an employee or union attempts to pursue an unfair labor practice claim through PERB against your city during this time, we encourage you to contact labor and employment attorneys Brandon Fitzsimmons at bmfitzsimmons@flaherty-hood.com or Chelsea Bodin at cjbodin@flaherty-hood.com for advice on responding to it.

CGMC in the News

The CGMC has received a lot of attention in the media in the week since we sent out [this statement](#) decrying the lack of results from the special session. Quotes from CGMC President Audrey Nelsen were even picked up by national news outlets like the New York Times, Associated Press and National Public Radio. Here are some of the recent articles that mention CGMC:

- [Letter: Special session a train wreck](#) Austin Daily Herald, June 24, 2020
- [City disappointed in lack of special session success](#) Bemidji Pioneer, June 23, 2020
- [Local government groups urge Gov. Walz to distribute \\$841 million 'as soon as possible'](#) The Center Square, June 23, 2020
- [Coalition of Greater MN Cities disappointed with special session](#) WJON, June 22, 2020
- [City, county leaders press Gov. Tim Walz on \\$841M in COVID-19 aid](#) Star Tribune, June 22, 2020
- [A term that is used too much](#) Pope County Tribune, June 22, 2020

- [Legislators had a long to-do list for special session. They did almost none of it.](#) Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal, June 22, 2020
- [Special session ends with no police reform, local government aid, or bonding bill](#) The Center Square, June 22, 2020
- [Train wreck': Partisan divides tank Minnesota special session, leave top priorities undone](#) Forum Communications, June 20, 2020
- [Minnesota lawmakers fail to reach deal on revamping policing](#) New York Times (Associated Press story), June 20, 2020
- [EDITORIAL: CGMC is right – Plenty of blame to go around for latest legislative debacle](#) Crookston Times, June 20, 2020
- [Lawmakers fail to agree on \\$841 million in federal coronavirus funds](#) Pioneer Press, June 20, 2020

As the Legislature gears up for another special session, we will continue to speak out in the media to advocate for the issues that are important our member cities.

Save the date!

Please mark your calendar for upcoming CGMC events and important dates:

- **CGMC Membership Meeting:** July 31, 2020 via Zoom
- **CGMC Fall Conference:** Nov. 19-20, 2020, Willmar



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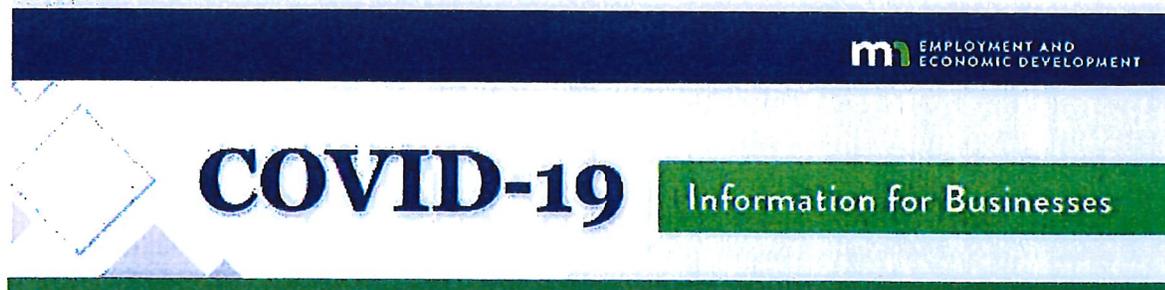
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Subject: DEED hosting Small Business Relief Grant Webinars

June 26, 2020

Check out the schedule for [Small Business Relief Grant Webinars](#) below:



DEED hosting Small Business Relief Grant Webinars

DEED staff are hosting several online webinars on the new Small Business Relief Grants. These webinars will help explain to business leaders how to apply for the grants.

Learn more by registering on the DEED website.

Schedule of Webinars

- June 24 - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- June 25 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- June 26 - 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- June 27 - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- June 28 - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
- June 29 - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- June 30 - 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Small Business Relief Grant program will make available \$10,000 grants to Minnesotan owned and operated businesses that can demonstrate financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. A total of \$60.3 million is available for grant awards which will be selected through a computer-generated, randomized selection process.

Awards will be disbursed and administered by qualified local and regionally based nonprofit organizations. Grant funds received by individual businesses shall be used for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility bills, and other similar expenses that occur or have occurred since March 1, 2020, in the regular course of business. These are grants and no repayment will be required.

Applications for the Small Business Relief Grant Program are now open and will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 2. Please click on the application tab below to apply.

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