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Announcement: Upcoming COVID-19 Grant and Assistance Opportunities

Lexington, NC – June 4, 2020 – The Davidson County Board of Commissioners has approved the launching of two grant/assistance programs utilizing CARES Act funds.

The first is the Non-Profit and Small Business Grant Program for grants to non-profits and small businesses for up to \$5,000, for businesses with 50 or fewer employees, to be utilized for public health and safety compliance with the NC Executive Orders for re-opening. These funds will be used for assistance with PPEs, such as sanitizer, masks, face shields, gloves, protective barriers, social distancing signage, disinfectants, sanitizer stations/dispensers and other approved supplies. Applicant will be required to provide: a valid NC driver's license or government issued ID card; a "Certificate of Good Standing" from the Secretary of State; proof that County taxes have been paid; a recent W-9; proof of not being debarred from Federal, State and local contracts; and that the organization has operated for at least three (3) months in Davidson County. The grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis, and the Application period will run from June 15, 2020 to June 29, 2020. This is a reimbursable grant, and can be used to reimburse for purchases of PPE made after March 1, 2020, or as a reimbursement for PPE purchases made after award of the grant and completed by September 1, 2020. This grant Application is scheduled to go live on June 15, 2020, and can be found at <http://dcglaserfiche/Forms/PPEGrant>.

The second is the Emergency Assistance Program through the Department of Social Services for up to \$500 per household for emergency assistance for rent/mortgage payments, utility assistance, emergency food assistance and essential prescription assistance. Applicants must be County residents and show two proofs of residency; must be able to show the impact of COVID-19, such as a loss or reduction in earnings since March 16, 2020; and, must have a current household monthly income at or below 250% of the Federal poverty level (household of 1 = \$31,900). The grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis, and the Application period will run from July 1, 2020 to October 31, 2020. This grant application is scheduled to go live on July 1, 2020, and can be found at <https://lf.davidsoncountync.gov/forms/covid19-ea>.