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Yelm COVID-19 Business Grant Report

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The Yelm COVID-19 Business Grant was created by the General Government Committee, Mayor Foster and other city staff members in response to the growing need of the community after the effects this pandemic had on the City of Yelm. The grant was funded through the **\$274,050** the city received from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The General Government Committee decided to allocate the funds in two ways that supported the community:



- (1) \$109,620 to the Yelm COVID-19 Business Grant, which was made available to all businesses inside the city limits of Yelm that could demonstrate economic hardship or loss of revenue due to COVID-19 and/or increased costs to comply with reopening.
- (2) \$27,405 to the Yelm Community Relief Fund, a program created by Mayor Foster, his wife Nicki, TOGETHER! and America's Credit Union, that provided some immediate relief to residents struggling financially during this pandemic.

Council unanimously approved the fund allocation during their council meeting on June 9th, 2020. In addition, council approved the purchase of 100 gallons of hand sanitizer to be used by local businesses in the hopes it would save them money as they reopened.

The grant application went live on the City of Yelm's website and social media accounts on June 12th, 2020. It was broadly promoted through announcements at public meetings, the Yelm Chamber of Commerce, our social media accounts and local newspapers. We immediately received a flood of applications and the General Government Committee along with the Finance Department worked tirelessly to process them and get businesses in compliance with our requirements if they were not already.

In order to qualify for the grant a business must: **(1)** have a physical location/office inside of city limits; **(2)** have a Yelm business account; **(3)** have an active Yelm General Business License or active Home Occupation License OR a non-profit organization serving the Yelm community located within Yelm city limits and; **(4)** report income generated inside Yelm and pay B&O taxes to the city. In total, 47 businesses received the Yelm COVID-19 Business Grant in the amount of up to \$2,500.



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Total amount of funds allocated by council to COVID-19 Business Grants: **\$109,620.00**

Total amount of funds paid out in COVID-19 Business Grants:

\$109,620.00

Amount of funds remaining for COVID-19 Business Grants: **\$0**

Breakdown of award amounts and quantity awarded at that amount:

\$2,500 X 40

\$2,000 X 1

\$1,560 X 2

\$1,500 X 2

\$1,000 X 1

\$500 X 1

Businesses or non-profit organizations that satisfied all the above qualifications and were therefore awarded a Yelm COVID-19 Business Grant are as follows:

1. Yelm Travel
2. White Horse Tavern
3. Yelm Gymnastics Center
4. Yelm WOD Dogs LLC
5. Anytime Fitness
6. Advantage Cleaning Pros
7. PTL Hardwood Floors
8. 507 Taproom and Filling Station
9. Hair INC
10. Get Fit Yelm LLC
11. The Shiplap Shop and Coffee House
12. Farwell's Fine Jewelry
13. Glam Boutique NW
14. PT2Excel
15. Funtime Toys and Gifts
16. Walt's Tire Factory, Inc.



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17. Yelm Floral
18. Images by Brant
19. Bertoglio's Pizza
20. Freedom Training Center, LLC
21. The Barber Shop
22. P & K Taxes (DBA H&R Block)
23. Yelm Prairie Lanes
24. Yelm Learning Tree Preschool
25. Ma and Pa's Family Diner
26. QT Spa Nails LLC
27. Puget Sound Entertainment
28. Yelm Chamber of Commerce
29. Shear Purrfection LLC
30. Tkach & Tkach DBA Desert Sun
31. Living Well Massage Therapy, Inc.
32. J & I Power Equipment
33. Gee Gee's Quilting Inc.
34. Premier Collision CARSTAR Yelm
35. Yelm Casa Mia
36. DC's Treasure New & Used
37. J and M Tobacco LLC
38. ABC Academy Preschool Yelm
39. A Novel Bookstore
40. Shine Specialties & Promotions
41. Yelm Senior Center
42. Yelm Jazz in the Park
43. Yelm Farmers Market
44. The King & I LLC
45. Berry Electronics
46. Kinja Japanese Restaurant
47. Lee's Barber



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A special thank you is owed to:

- Mayor JW Foster
- Councilmembers Curry, Stillwell & Wood
- Accounting Assistant, Kimberly Rachor
- Finance Director, Heidi MacDonald
- City Administrator, Michael Grayum
- Communications Specialist, Brianna Feller

Each one of them played a vital role in the success of the Yelm COVID-19 Business Grant and we are lucky to have each one of them as a part of the City of Yelm team.