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## **Local small businesses receive financial assistance through City of Walla Walla program**

### **A second round of grant and loan funding through the Small Business Relief Program is now underway.**

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — Twenty-nine businesses have now received Small Business Emergency Grants through the Walla Walla Small Business Relief Program. Grants, which total \$114,311, are being administered by [Mercy Corps Northwest](#). A list of recipients is provided at the end of this release.

Additionally, a second application round has opened for Walla Walla Valley businesses that are interested in Small Business Resilience Loans up to \$50,000. Loan proceeds can be used to help businesses manage costs related to reopening. The loan program is administered by [Craft3](#).

Screening applications for the loans are available now in English and Spanish on the City website: [wallawallawa.gov/SBRP/](http://wallawallawa.gov/SBRP/). Businesses are eligible for a loan if they have been open for at least two years, reported a profit in 2019, and have a credit score of at least 640. Businesses that have received PPP or EIDL loans are eligible to apply.

The Small Business Relief Program was organized by the City of Walla Walla and funded by a grant from the City's Community Development Block Grant program, with additional funding coming from the City of College Place and Walla Walla County. Businesses in Walla Walla County that have been impacted by COVID-19 were able to apply for the program from May 11-13, 2020.

A total of 181 businesses applied for grants and three applied for loans. Each application was reviewed and assigned a score. A review committee consisting of local economic-development leaders determined the criteria the scores were based on. These criteria include operational costs, location, access to resources, susceptibility to being adversely affected by COVID-19 restrictions, previous funding received, minority status, family situation, language challenges, and more.

#### **Additional Grant Funding**

The Walla Walla Small Business Relief Program plans to offer another round of grant funding for businesses located in Walla Walla and College Place. New grant applications will not be accepted. The

local review committee will re-review applications that were previously submitted. It is not necessary for these business owners to express interest in being considered for the second round of funding.

Criteria for the second round of grants will be different than that of the first round, and due to funding limitations, not every business that applied will receive assistance.

For more information on who is eligible to apply for loans, please visit [wallawallawa.gov/SBRP](http://wallawallawa.gov/SBRP).

Application questions should be sent to Jennifer Beckmeyer at [jbeckmeyer@wallawallawa.gov](mailto:jbeckmeyer@wallawallawa.gov).

### **Small Business Emergency Grant & Business Resilience Loan Recipients**

7 IMPACT Salon	\$4,830
A Ride With J LLC	\$2,450
Abzuya LLC	\$2,416
ACO	\$2,416
Alma's Creative House	\$2,416
BB's Cleanning Service	\$1,045
BBQ Man Southern Cuisine LLC	\$9,670
Black Tie Wine Tours	\$4,942
Bowen Byrd LLP DBA Uniquely Walla Walla	\$9,670
Dacy Marie LLC	\$1,450
Dani's Cleaner	\$2,416
Eli's House Cleaning	\$2,150
Innovation Drywall LLC	\$2,805
InquisiTours, LLC	\$4,830
Jimmi Kaye Hinger	\$2,416
Jesus Ruiz / Antonio's Barber Shop	\$7,250
K&J Cleaning Services	\$4,830
NG Quality Space	\$2,416
Prophyno Computer Forensics	\$22,500
Purl 2 Walla Walla, LLC	\$4,830
Revolve Lash	\$1,000
Shell's Got to Have it	\$2,450
SMAK LLC dba SMAK Wines	\$7,250
Stardust Lanes	\$5,050
TramiNet	\$2,416
Un Dulce Antojo	\$2,450
Walla Walla China Buffet Inc	\$9,670
Walla Walla Food Tours, LLC	\$4,830
Western Paladin Games	\$1,497
Ziegele and Company, Inc.	\$2,450
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$136,811</b>

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