



MEDIA RELEASE

Cook County Businesses Receive State COVID-19 Relief Funding

February 18, 2021 – Forty-two Cook County businesses are receiving business assistance grants of up to \$7,500 as part of a COVID-19 economic relief bill passed by the Minnesota Legislature in December.

The relief bill included \$114.8 million in payments to counties for distribution to businesses that had to close or curtail operations to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Cook County received a minimum allocation of \$256,250, which included \$250,000 for small business grants and up to \$6,250 for grant program administration costs.

Cook County Government partnered with the Cook County/Grand Marais Economic Development Authority (EDA), the Cook County Chamber of Commerce and the Northland Small Business Development Center (NSBDC) to solicit and evaluate proposals for funding. Per guidance from the state, applicants who had not received COVID-19 relief through previous state and federal funding programs received greater consideration than those who had. The extent of business revenue losses in 2020 compared to 2019 was also a factor in the scoring process.

The County and its partners received 100 applications. A total of 42 businesses received grants. Ten businesses received 100 percent of the funds they requested, 14 businesses received 90 percent of the amount requested, and the remaining 18 proposals were funded at 70 percent. The evaluation committee used a tiered system to maximize the number of proposals awarded and chose to reallocate \$3,800 of the funds budgeted for administrative expenses to increase the pool of grant funding.

County Administrator James Joerke thanked the EDA, Cook County Chamber and NSBDC for their assistance in administering the grant program. “Our goal was to get the grant funds to businesses with the greatest needs as quickly as possible, and we couldn’t have accomplished that without the help of the EDA, Chamber and NSBDC.” He added, “We know these grants will not fully compensate local businesses for their losses, but we hope it will help keep them on their feet until the pandemic loosens its grip.”

A full list of state business relief grant recipients is on the Cook County website at <https://www.co.cook.mn.us/>

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COOK COUNTY, MN - GRANT AWARD LIST
STATE OF MINNESOTA BUSINESS RELIEF GRANTS
February 18, 2021

Business	Address	Award
360 Services LLC	P.O. Box 992, Grand Marais MN 55604	5,250.00
47 Degrees North Quilt Shop & Heavy Duty Window Treatments	P.O. Box 122, Lutsen MN 55612	5,250.00
Act Two LLC	9301 Ryden Road, Grand Portage MN 55605	6,750.00
A-Frame on the River	P.O. Box 234, Grand Marais MN 55604	5,250.00
Ancient Traditions Healing	60 Brandon Lane, Grand Marais MN 55604	5,250.00
Angry Trout	P.O. Box 973, Grand Marais, MN 55604	5,250.00
Art by KFox LLC	4640 Cascade Beach Road, Lutsen MN 55612	1,800.00
Basecamp Bungalows	P.O. Box 1442, Grand Marais MN 55604	5,250.00
Birch Terrace Supper Club & Lounge	P.O. Box 150, Grand Marais MN 55604	5,250.00
Birchbark Books & Gifts	P.O. Box 607, Grand Marais MN 55604	5,250.00
Boyd Blomberg	5055 West Highway 61, Lutsen MN 55612	6,750.00
Briand Morrison	7142 East Highway 61, Grand Portage MN 55605	5,250.00
Calhoun Companies	158 Evergreen Rd., Lutsen, MN 55612	6,750.00
Crosby Bakery	P.O. Box 1485, Grand Marais MN 55604	7,500.00
Grand Marais Glass Shop LLC	P.O. Box 1485, Grand Marais MN 55604	6,750.00
Grand Portage Development Corp./DBA Grand Portage Lodge	P.O. Box 428, Grand Portage MN 55605	5,250.00
Grand Portage Trading Post	P.O. Box 428, Grand Portage MN 55605	5,250.00
Grand Portage-Isle Royale Transportation Line, Inc.	P.O. Box 366, Grand Portage, MN 55605	7,500.00
HD Home & Cabin Services	2021 County Road 7, Grand Marais 55604	7,500.00
J Sannerud Studios	306 County Road 48, Grand Marais 55604	6,750.00
Katherine McClure, chiropractic	P.O. Box 1258, Grand Marais MN 55604	4,500.00
Lockport Marketplace	P.O. Box 157, Lutsen MN 55612	5,250.00
MacArthur House B&B	P.O. Box 1270, Grand Marais 55604	5,250.00
Michael Monroe	401 Pike Lake Road, Grand Marais MN 55604	5,250.00
My Sister's Place	401 E. Hwy. 61, Grand Marai, MN 55604	6,750.00
Naniboujou Lodge	20 Naniboujou Trail, Grand Marais, MN 55604	7,500.00
North Star Cabling & Communication	P.O. Box 1260, Grand Marais MN 55604	6,750.00
North Superior Fishery LLC	P.O. Box 1450, Grand Marais MN 55604	7,500.00
Paul Nordlund?DBA Boreal Enterprises	306 Caribou Trail, Lutsen MN 55612	4,500.00
Rebel Girls Community Minded Catering	P.O. Box 231, Grand Marais MN 55604	7,500.00
Rocky Knoll	1471 County Rd. 14, Grand Marais 55604	6,750.00
Ryden's Border Store	9301 Ryden Rd, Grand Portage MN 55605	7,500.00
Ryden's Gas LLC	9293 Ryden Road, Grand Portage 55605	7,500.00
Step Up Child Care	130 Fall River Road, Grand Marais MN 55604	5,250.00
Stone Arch	P.O. Box 1420, Grand Marais MN 55604	7,500.00
Studio 61	P.O. Box 1453, Grand Marais MN 55604	5,250.00
Studio 61 Hair Design	P.O. Box 1260, Grand Marais MN 55604	6,750.00
Sven & Ole's	P.O. Box 580, Grand Marais MN 55604	5,250.00
Thompson Performance	P.O. Box 466, Grand Marais MN 55604	6,750.00
Timmberr Tree Service	P.O. Box 844, Grand Marais MN 55604	5,250.00
Wilderness Canoe Base	12477 Gunflint Trail, Grand Marais MN 55604	6,750.00
Zenkenkai Arts	101 W Hwy 61, Grand Marais, MN 55604	6,750.00
TOTAL		253,800.00