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Another city of Aurora business grant program launching Nov. 5

AURORA, Colo. – To support the resiliency of struggling businesses and nonprofits in Aurora while the community awaits vaccines and treatments for COVID-19, the city of Aurora and the Aurora City Council are rolling out a grant program totaling at least \$5 million for those that are eligible.

In cooperation with the Arapahoe County CARES Program and the Adams County CARES Program, the Aurora Economic Resiliency Grant Program will provide grants up to \$30,000 each to small and mid-sized businesses and nonprofits to help with payroll and rent expenses for the upcoming winter months.

To receive payroll assistance, businesses will have to demonstrate a loss of revenue during COVID-19, year over year. For rent assistance, businesses will need to show they are behind in rent payments.

The program is open to both new applicants and those that previously qualified for funds through the earlier Aurora Economic Relief or Aurora Economic Recovery programs.

The application process for new applicants will open Thursday, Nov. 5, at AuroraGov.org/AER, and close at 11:59 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12. Prior program applicants will receive an email also on Nov. 5 with a link to complete a short interest form if they wish to be considered for this program.

This is the third round of CARES funding that the city of Aurora is deploying to support its local businesses and nonprofits during the pandemic.

Eligible businesses must be under 200 employees and have an Aurora business license in good standing. Nonprofits must either have an Aurora business license or be registered with the Colorado Secretary of State as a nonprofit and either have an Aurora location or be able to demonstrate that over 50% of the clients they serve are Aurora residents.

Additional information is available at AuroraGov.org/AER. A city committee will review the applications and select the recipients. To ask questions, email AER3@auroragov.org.

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