

NEWS RELEASE

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To: All Local Media

From: Tawni Thomson, Bishop Chamber of Commerce

Subject: Local Small Business Grant Program Expanded

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Last week, the Bishop Chamber of Commerce announced a new grant program to benefit small businesses in Bishop that have been significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to a generous private donor, an emergency fund was established with \$20,000 available to provide immediate financial assistance. In the past week, several other generous donors have contributed to the program which allows expansion of the grant to cover any business in Inyo County - no longer limited to just Bishop businesses.

All businesses with a physical location in Inyo County are eligible to apply online at www.bishopchamberofcommerce.com.

It is important to note that unlike the SBA programs, this is not a first-come, first-served process. Applications are being accepted now through May 17th, 2020. All applications will be reviewed after the close date and funds will be awarded by the end of this month.

"We know so many small businesses are struggling to weather this storm and we are very grateful to all the generous funders of this grant program," states Tawni Thomson, Executive Director of the Bishop Chamber of Commerce.

Questions regarding the application or additional contributions should be directed to the Bishop Chamber of Commerce via email – execdir@bishopvisitor.com.

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