

## Town of Londonderry, New Hampshire

John Farrell, Town Council Chair Kevin H. Smith, Town Manager

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## TOWN OF LONDONDERRY APPROVES LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM FOR REIMBURSMENT OF COVID-19 RELATED EXPENSES

Upon the recommendation of the Londonderry Town Manager, the Town Council unanimously approved a local small business grant program at its most recent meeting on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

The program, known as the Coronavirus Reconfiguration Costs Assistance and Relief (CRCAR), was designed to allow small businesses in Londonderry to apply for a grant up to \$1,000 to reimburse operational expenses related to operating under COVID-19 regulations. Such expenses would include, but are not limited to, items such as plexi-glass, tents/tables, sanitizing products, social distancing materials, etc.

The initial funding for the program is \$50,000 which will come from the monies designated for Londonderry by the State of New Hampshire as part of the CARES ACT Municipal Relief Funds allocated to each community. Depending on the needs of the business community, more funding may be allocated to the program in the near future.

Town Manager, Kevin Smith, commented, "The small business community is the lifeblood of the economy in Londonderry. By creating this program, it is one small way the Town can lend a helping hand to these businesses as they work to get their operations back to full strength while still abiding by the COVID-19 regulations."

Londonderry businesses wishing to apply for the grant can download the applicated on-line at: <a href="https://www.londonderrynh.org/sites/londonderrynh/files/uploads/crcar.pdf">https://www.londonderrynh.org/sites/londonderrynh/files/uploads/crcar.pdf</a>. Once the application is downloaded and completed, it can be email to Kirby Brown at: <a href="mailto:kbrown@londonderrynh.org">kbrown@londonderrynh.org</a> or it can be dropped off at Town Hall in the Town Manager's office.

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