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City grants of \$5000 available for Hayward small businesses, independently owned restaurants

HAYWARD, Calif., March 26, 2020—The City of Hayward announced today a new grant program to provide \$5000 a piece to local small businesses to support operations and help avert layoffs during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The COVID-19 Small Business Resiliency Grant Program is open to Hayward small businesses with 25 or fewer employees and restaurants of any employee-size that are independently owned.

The Hayward Economic Development Division developed the program by redirecting funds from a broader Small Business Grant and Loan Fund intended to attract businesses to Hayward and help others in the City to expand.

Program funding allows for up to 76 grants of \$5000 a piece that will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis to those meeting eligibility requirements. The grants can be used for any aspect of business and do not need to be repaid.

Application materials are available [here](#) on the City of Hayward website. Submit application materials by email to EconDev@hayward-ca.gov.

For answers to questions, please also email EconDev@hayward-ca.gov, or call the Economic Development Division at (510) 583-5540.