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## **Bell Gardens Business & Resident Grants Now Available**

On June 8, 2020, the Bell Gardens City Council approved four new grants totaling \$623,411 to help our community with the financial impacts of COVID-19.

These grants were made possible by the City's re-allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and new funds provided by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The Los Angeles County Community Development Authority (LACDA) recently cleared the City's Small Business Assistance Grant and Residential Rental Assistance Grant for funding. The Child Care Subsidy and Emergency Utility Assistance Grants will be presented soon.

On June 30, 2020, the City Council authorized another \$400,000 to provide additional assistance to the community. Direction on the specific use of these funds will be considered at the City Council meeting of July 27, 2020.

Residents and business owners are eligible for all programs regardless of immigration status. Here is a brief summary of each approved grant:

### **"SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT" (Available Now)**

Intended for small businesses severely impacted by the pandemic mandated closures. Non-essential businesses will be given priority. Total of \$3,000 will be awarded to 50 businesses through a lottery process followed by a qualifications process. Any business not selected will be placed on a waiting list for future funds.

### **"RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT" (Available Now)**

Intended for residential tenants impacted by loss of employment due to the pandemic. Total of 50% of rent will be paid for 3 months, up to \$500/month. Funds are available for 200 households and will be awarded through a lottery process followed by a qualifications process. Any renter not selected will be placed on a waiting list for future funds.

### **"CHILD CARE SUBSIDY" (Coming Soon)**

Intended to assist parents that have lost their jobs due to the pandemic and need child care while in the process of establishing new employment. More information will be provided once this grant is cleared by the LACDA.

### **"EMERGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE GRANT" (Coming Soon)**

Intended to assist residents who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic and need to maintain critical utilities (i.e., electric, gas, and water). More information will be provided once this grant is cleared by the LACDA.