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### IOWA SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

**Iowa Small Business Relief Program.** The Iowa Small Business Relief Program provides financial assistance to small businesses that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Program offers eligible small businesses grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 and permits the deferral of sales and use or withholding taxes and the waiver of penalty and interest.

Details on the Program are as follows:

- **Grants.** The Small Business Relief Grants will assist eligible businesses in maintaining operations or reopening business following the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants cannot be used to pay debts incurred prior to March 17, 2020. The grant amount will be determined by the level of impact, including the loss of sales revenue and employees.
  - **Eligibility.** To be eligible for a grant, a business must satisfy the following requirements:
    - Be experiencing business disruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
    - Have employed between 2 and 25 people prior to March 17, 2020.
  - **Funding Source.** A total of \$4.0 million is currently available. The Program is allocated \$2.0 million from the Economic Emergency Fund and \$2.0 million from Iowa Values Fund repayments and recaptures. The Program may be restricted due to funding availability and is not first-come, first-served.
- **Tax Deferral.** The Iowa Department of Revenue will review each application to determine if it is appropriate to grant a deferral of the eligible taxes and waiver of penalty and interest.
- **Applications.** The dual application for grant assistance and tax deferral is available at [iowabusinessrecovery.com](http://iowabusinessrecovery.com). The deadline for applications is March 31, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

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