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Freeholders announce Monmouth County CARES program; provide COVID-19 free testing updates

FREEHOLD, NJ – On behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, Freeholder Director Thomas A. Arnone and Freeholder Deputy Director Susan M. Kiley announced Monmouth County CARES, the Coronavirus Economic Assistance Grant Program for small businesses and non profits, and provided updates on the recently launched COVID-19 free testing program at a press conference held today.

"The Freeholders have worked alongside chambers of commerce and mayors to deliver assistance to our small businesses and I am excited to announce that the Monmouth County CARES Economic Assistance Grant program will be ready to launch at 8 a.m. on Monday, August 3 at monmouthcountycares.com," said Freeholder Director Arnone. "I encourage businesses to spend the next few days reviewing their COVID-19 costs and related paperwork so that they are prepared when the application process opens on Monday."

In order to qualify for a Monmouth County CARES Economic Assistance Grant, applicants must meet the following criteria:
- Physically located in Monmouth County since January 1, 2019 or earlier
- Negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- $5 million or less in annual gross revenue
- 50 or fewer fulltime equivalent (FTE) employees, including the owner, as of March 1, 2020

Nonprofit Organizations registered with the IRS Nonprofit Organizations registered with the IRS including local and regional chambers of commerce can also apply for this program.

It should be noted that banking, educational, governmental and medical service providers are not eligible for the grant program at this time.

Applicants should check the website for specific eligibility requirements at monmouthcountycares.com.

Before the online application process opens on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 8 a.m., please be prepared to submit information electronically through the application portal regarding the costs your business incurred due to COVID-19, such as:
- TIN/EIN – This is your Tax Identification or Employee Identification Number
- Legal Business Name
- DBA – Doing Business As (if applicable)
- Business Contact Information (contact name, organizational role, email address, phone number, and business address)