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County Establishes Stay Safe Small Business Grant Program

Hispanic Chamber to award \$50,000 in grants to small and minority-owned businesses.

August 10, 2020, EL PASO, TX: – Today the Commissioner's Court approved \$60,000 in CARES Act funding to establish the Stay Safe Small Business grant program. Eligible businesses can receive up to a \$2,500 grant for safety modifications during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The program will be administered by the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, which will use \$10,000 to cover the costs of administration and the creation of marketing and educational materials. The remaining \$50,000 will be available for grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

“Many small businesses are struggling to make the necessary investments to protect their employees and customers,” said County Judge Ricardo Samaniego. “This program will help businesses improve their health and safety measures so that customers feel comfortable while still supporting local businesses and employees feel safe going to work. I’ve especially emphasized the importance of reaching out to businesses in our rural areas throughout the County as they face even greater challenges.

The Hispanic Chamber will begin accepting applications on August 17, 2020. Small, minority-owned or women-owned businesses within the County whose physical operations are located outside the boundaries of the City of El Paso may apply.

“We are eager partners with the County of El Paso, to be able to provide this grant assistance to help small businesses in the county and rural areas hit the hardest by the virus, in an effort to provide some small relief during these changing times,” said Cindy Ramos-Davidson, CEO of the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

The County received \$28 million under the CARES Act and has set aside approximately \$1.9 million for economic recovery activities.

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