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Microenterprise Emergency Grants for Kennewick's Small Businesses

[Kennewick, WA] –

Up to 29 grants of up to \$10,000 each are available to eligible microenterprises operating in the City of Kennewick. Grants are funded by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, as allocated to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Businesses meeting the criteria and operating within the city limits of Kennewick are eligible to apply.

Mercy Corps Northwest, on behalf of the City of Kennewick, will be administering \$290,000 in grants to microenterprises (businesses with 5 or fewer employees, including the owner).

Application Period: June 9th – 9am to June 11th – 5pm

Eligibility Requirements:

- For-profit business consisting of 5 or fewer employees, including the owner.
- Business owner(s) with low-moderate household income (LMI), not to exceed 80% of median household income for Benton County.
- City of Kennewick business license for a commercial location or food-based vehicle operating within the city limits.
- Have experienced a decrease in revenue as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- Have not received any other financial assistance in the form of grants, subsidized loans, insurance, or reimbursement.
- In operation for 1 year or longer.
- Valid Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number, business bank account to receive ACH funds, and business tax return and financial documentation

Information and the application (June 9th -11th) available at:

<https://www.go2kennewick.com/1317/Microenterprise-Emergency-Grant>

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