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Town of Cicero Announces Small Business COVID-19 Grant Program

Cicero, IN.- The Town of Cicero opened up applications today for their Small Business COVID-19 Grant Program for its local business community. The Town received funding through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs' (OCRA) COVID-19 Response Program to develop this local grant program. OCRA's program was created to address the immediate impacts of COVID-19 on Indiana's rural communities. Funds are derived from the State's annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocation and guidance was provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on how the funds were to be used.

The intended purpose of the Cicero Small Business COVID-19 Grant Program is to assist our local businesses during this pandemic. The funding has been broken down into three main areas: rent and utility assistance, payroll assistance, and expansion of business services.

"The Town of Cicero appreciates the availability of this funding through the State's Office of Community and Rural Affairs and their ability to create a grant program for our communities in these very difficult times. We believe this funding will have a great impact on our local businesses and our community as a whole," said Town Council President Dan Strong.

Applications are available on the Town's website, today, May 14th and will be due by 3:00pm on Monday, June 1st. Eligible applicants within the Town of Cicero's corporate limits, may receive up to \$8,000.00 in grant funding. Award announcements will be made the week of June 22, 2020. To find the link to the application, please visit: <https://www.ciceroin.org/local-county-regional-and-statewide-small-business-programs/>

To learn more about the Town, please visit the Town of Cicero's website: www.ciceroin.org or you may email the Town's Community Development Coordinator, Shae Kmicikewycz at shaek@townofcicero.in.gov or Town Council President, Dan Strong at dstrong@townofcicero.in.gov.

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