

## Virtual CCBA Meeting Tues, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM

Hello CCBA,

There's a lot going on and we need to meet...a chance to laugh, cry, and share latest information. A ZOOM invitation and agenda will be sent in a couple days.

Please send any "news on the street" or information about any changes to your business operation to [info@columbiacityseattle.com](mailto:info@columbiacityseattle.com), so we can have the latest information for the meeting and for our Open For Business list.

We update our Columbia City Open for Business list daily (<https://www.columbiacityseattle.com/>). We also provide the information and changes to <https://essentialseseattle.com/> for businesses throughout Southeast Seattle and to the Citywide [#SupportSeattleSmallBiz](#)

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### New Grant - Deadline: Fri. May 8th

#### \$250,000 in COVID-19 Grants to Support Southeast Seattle Small Business Owners

Rainier Valley Community Development Fund (RVCDF) has announced fifty \$5,000 grants specifically targeted to southeast Seattle small businesses to address the immediate economic challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic. Grant funds are intended to support existing businesses impacted by the COVID-19 crisis to address basic operational needs, including:

- Rent and utilities
- Supplies and inventory
- Working capital
- Business planning and consulting

#### Eligible businesses:

- Are located in Southeast Seattle (east of I-5, south of I-90)
- Are minority-owned (greater than 50% ownership)
- Have a family income of business owner(s) that falls within the limits for the Area Median Income (AMI) established by HUD (see application for details)
- Employ 10 or fewer full-time (or FTE) employees
- Have a physical storefront (no home-based businesses)
- Demonstrate a loss of income due to COVID-19

Please direct any questions about this COVID-19 small business support grant program to Jennifer Crandall at [jcrandall@rvcdf.org](mailto:jcrandall@rvcdf.org).



#### CDF GRANT APPLICATION LINKS

Applications can be downloaded via RVCDF's website at [rvcdf.org](http://rvcdf.org), and be submitted via email [grants@rvcdf.org](mailto:grants@rvcdf.org) no later than **9:00 PM on May 8.**

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### City's Small Business Stabilization Fund has increased by \$1.5 million.

Thanks to this increase, 150 more businesses will receive \$10,000 grants. OED awarded 250 Stabilization grants in the first round. Awardees for the second round of funding will be chosen from the 5,500 existing eligible applicants that were not selected in the initial round. So, there's nothing for businesses to do, other than hope for the best.

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### CCBA joins SAVING LOCAL Campaign

The Columbia City Business Association has partnered with other local Chambers of Commerce and cities on the "Saving Local" Campaign. The Campaign will encourage the purchase of experiences and gift cards now, to help with cash flow. The Campaign will feature an aggressive digital advertising and public relations effort. CCBA members can join for free. To join, go to [savingloalkc.com/add-your-business](http://savingloalkc.com/add-your-business). *The deal provided must allow for the consumer to purchase the deal now, such as online or via phone.*

**Note: the big marketing push will begin on/after Tuesday, so if you want to participate, add your business by EOD Monday.**

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**See you Tues. 9am at CCBA Virtual Meeting!**



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