## The People's Councilmember **Monica Montgomery** Council District 4

Important **COVID-19 UPDATES** MARCH 27, 2020

## Dear Community,

### Food Security

My office has been working diligently to identify various sources of free meal distributions for our residents. Thank you to our community partners at Kitchens for Good, they are providing grab & go meals on M, W, F from 9 a.m. -Noon, 404 Euclid Avenue at the Jacobs Center. Please bring your own bags.

### COVID -19 Testing

Many of you have expressed concerns about the availability of testing and who needs to get tested.

The County of San Diego's Public Health Officials have provided direction on home isolating and testing protocols.

If you're having symptoms, they recommend calling your healthcare provider or the customer service line for your health insurance. For the uninsured and unsheltered, please call 2-1-1.

To find more information on the County's COVID-19 Response Plan, visit: www.coronavirus-sd.com

## The Power of Social Distancing

If we are willing to adjust to being uncomfortable, we can create our own individual (and family) response plan to COVID-19. It is crucial that social distancing guidelines be a part of our plans.

We must train ourselves to use social distancing when in the grocery store, gas station, pharmacy, picking up take-out, or managing our other essential needs. There is power and public safety in practicing social distance. We will get through this, but it will take all of us working together.

## Small Business Relief Fund Applications 'GO LIVE' TODAY!

The Economic Development Department recently published Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about the Small Business Relief Fund (SBRF).

The FAQ sheet details businesses that are eligible to request or receive SBRF Financial Assistance.

It also includes the following list of businesses that are **not eligible**:

- Lending and investment institutions and insurance companies
- Golf courses, race tracks or gambling facilities
- Nonprofit entities

# GRAB & GO FREE MEAL DISTRIBUTION

ITCHENS FOR GOOD

HOURS OF OPERATION Monday - Wednesday - Friday 9am - 12pm

## DO I NEED TO GET TESTED FOR COVID-19?



# THE POWER OF SOCIAL DISTANCING





**Small Business Relief Fund** Frequently Asked Questions

The City of San Diego has established a Small Business Relief Fund (SBRF) to help businesses impacted by COVID-19 retain employees and sustain continuity of operations. Financial assistance between \$10,000 and \$20,000 in grants, forgivable or low-interest loans will be allocated to eligible small businesses on a first-come, first-served basis. Funds awarded will be based on availability, program guidelines, and the submission of all required information and supporting documentation proving financial hardship related to COVID-19. Approximately \$6.1 million is available in the SBRF, which is being administered by the City of San Diego's Economic Development Department.

### Who is eligible?

- To be eligible, businesses must meet the following requirements: • Employ 100 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) employees or less as of February 28, 2020
- The following businesses are not eligible to request or receive SBRF financial assistance:

- Businesses engaged in any illegal activity
- Home-based businesses
- Chain stores

As indicated in our special SBRF Outreach, these funds are first come, first served. Apply as soon as you have the necessary paperwork.

Questions? Please email: sdbusiness@sandiego.gov

### Sincerely,

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Monica Montgomery, Councilmember Fourth Council District

- Have a City of San Diego Business Tax Certificate
- Provide documentation that shows the business has been operational for at least 6 months
- Provide proof of economic hardship due to COVID-19
- Not have engaged in any illegal activity per local, state or federal regulations, with federal regulations taking precedence over local or state regulations
- Lending and investment institutions
- Insurance companies
- · Golf courses, racetracks or gambling facilities
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#### How do I apply?

Businesses can access the application at https://www.sandiego.gov/SBRF The application will be available on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

After the applicant submits the online form, an Economic Development Department staff member will contact the applicant within 1-3 business days to obtain the required supporting documentation. Baseline required documentation includes but is not limited to:

- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-9
- Bank Statements
- Recent Tax Returns

- Current Balance Sheet

Applications will be processed in both order of receipt of application and submission of all required documents to the City of San Diego's Economic Development Department. Notification of approval will be given once the applicant has submitted all required documents and eligibility is confirmed. Businesses may only apply once.

#### Who can help me fill out my application?

Business owners can request a third party to assist in completing their application. Businesses are encouraged to contact their nearest Small Business Development Center should they need no-cost technical assistance in applying for relief.

#### I am not eligible. Is there another economic relief I qualify for?

Visit https://www.sandiego.gov/economic-development/resources/relief to learn more about additional local, state, federal, and non-governmental support for small businesses and its employees.

**Questions?** E-mail: sdbusiness@sandiego.gov