

ECONOMIC RECOVERY HUB PROGRAM



YORK & SO. OXFORD COUNTIES BUSINESSES

The Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) is launching the Economic Recovery HUB Program to help small businesses in York and Southern Oxford Counties. Working to strengthen the regional business assistance network, the Program will offer Financial Assistance Grants, Technical Assistance Grants, as well as referrals for free counseling, workshops and classes.

WHO MAY APPLY?

- Nonprofits and For-profit businesses with **25 or fewer** employees and located within the SMPDC service area.
- **For-profits** may apply for **Financial Assistance Grants** and **Technical Assistance Grants**.
- **Nonprofits** may apply for **Technical Assistance Grants**.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

(\$10,000 - \$20,000)

- Business opened or re-opened between 1/1/2020 and 5/11/2023
- Must be able to demonstrate negative impacts due to COVID-19 pandemic
- Must have not already received substantial COVID-19 assistance grants

Eligible Uses for Grant Funds

- Commercial rent / utilities
- Inventory
- Equipment
- Insurance
- Payroll (excluding owner and relatives)
- Other working capital needs

Ineligible Uses for Grant Funds

- Wages for business owner(s) and family
- Refinance existing debt
- Down payment for other financing

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

- Bookkeeping
- Web Design
- Social Media Planning / Implementation

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WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

(Free or Paid for by Program)

- Banking/Finance Workshops offered by Kennebunk Savings Bank
- Workshops offered by SCORE, SBDC and New Ventures Maine
- Classes at YCCC and York County Adult Education.
- Create new workshops for needed subjects not already offered

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APPLY BY 12-7-2023

Online applications are available at SMPDC.org/