

## Suffolk County Consortium Small Business Assistance Grant Program Quick Reference Guide

**ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:** The Suffolk County Consortium Small Business Assistance Grant Program funds are a one-time payment granted to eligible applicants in an amount up to \$5,000 for businesses with up to 10 full-time equivalent employees, and \$10,000 for businesses with 11-50 full-time equivalent employees.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:** An Applicant Must:

- 1. Be a Suffolk County small business owner (applicant must be 51+% majority owner) whose business is located within one of the participating Consortium municipalities (see below).
- 2. Eligible businesses are: gyms, hair salons/barbers, nail salons, restaurants and bars/taverns.

  \*\*Newly Expanded\*\* to include: food trucks, breweries, b&bs, motels, retail, service industry
  (personal care, dry cleaning), amusement/recreation (mini-golf, amusement parks)
- 3. Have been in operation prior to March 1, 2019.
- 4. Be in operation at the time of application (businesses that have ceased operations due to the pandemic are ineligible).
- 5. Have fewer than 50 full-time equivalent employees.
- 6. Demonstrate loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 7. Demonstrate they have at least one (1) low-income employee they would like to retain.
- 8. Not be a not-for-profit organization
- 9. Not be in default or arrears on past or current Federal or State financing or funding programs.
- 10. Not be in conflict of interest with Suffolk County, the County Legislature, the local municipality, or the operating program agency.

## **ELIGIBLE AREA OF ASSISTANCE:**

Applicants must own an eligible business located within the Suffolk CDBG Consortium area, which includes:

**Town of East Hampton** – Excluding incorporated villages, except the Village of Sag Harbor.

**Town of Riverhead** - The entire town.

**Town of Smithtown** - Excluding incorporated villages, except the Village of the Branch

**<u>Town of Southampton</u>** – Excluding incorporated villages, except the Villages of Sag Harbor, Southampton, Westhampton Beach and Westhampton Dunes.

**Town of Southold** – The entire town.

**Town of Shelter Island** - Excluding incorporated villages.

Please note that the Town of Islip, Town of Huntington, Town of Babylon, and the Town of Brookhaven are <u>NOT</u> part of the Suffolk County CDBG Consortium. Businesses to be funded cannot be located within these towns.

Once the pre-application had been completed, those eligible will receive an email with a link to the Application portal. Applications will be reviewed on a first-complete, first-served basis. Please ensure your application is complete upon submission – incomplete applications will not be reviewed, and will be moved to the end of the line of submissions.

The following documents will be required to submit a complete application. We recommend you start preparing these now to ensure your **complete** Application can be submitted as quickly as possible once the portal opens:

- o COVID Impact Statement (How COVID has affected the applicant business)
- 2019 Federal Tax Return for the Applicant Business (may be personal return if Sole Prop or Sch. C filer)
- o Most recently filed Federal Tax Return for every owner of 20% or more
- o Government issued photo ID for every owner of 20% or more
- o NYS-45 (Quarter Combined Withholding, Wage Reporting, and Unemployment Insurance Return) OR Federal Payroll Form 941 for Quarter Ended 9/30/2020
- Organizational Documents for applicant business (bylaws, operating agreement, articles of incorporation, if applicable)

## **FUNDING IS LIMITED**



