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TELLER COUNTY BUSINESSES HAVE NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS

Teller County, along with the communities of Cripple Creek and Victor will begin accepting applications for a series of three mini-grants to support all physical business/nonprofit locations in Teller County impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Locations include Cripple Creek, Victor, Florissant, Divide, and Unincorporated Teller County not to exclude Woodland Park businesses. Available funding for these grants totals \$400,000.

The County is accepting Grant applications beginning August 27. Grants are anticipated to be awarded two weeks after cycle application closure. Businesses are eligible to apply through each cycle with awards based on actual documentation submitted. Duplicate requests for funding will not be considered. Three cycles will begin in late August continuing through early December.

1st Round - Open Aug. 27 - Sept. 17
2nd Round - Open Oct. 8 - Oct. 29
3rd Round - Open Nov. 12 - Dec. 3

Business Operations/Compliance Issues Grants have a maximum award value of up to \$3,000 per business applicant to use for operational upgrades such as building safety enhancements to encourage social distancing, personal protective equipment for employees and customers, touchless bathrooms, adjustments to air or filtration systems, or other costs associated with the enactment of the COVID-19 specific operations plans. Compliance may be legal support or consulting guidance for COVID-19 expenses.

Technology Upgrades Grants have a maximum award value of up to \$2,000 per business applicant to use for items like point-of-sale terminals or systems, including contactless payment systems, touchless entry and exit for a physical business location, temperature screening, and technology needs for the enactment of COVID-19 specific operations plans.

Business Interruption Grants have a maximum award value of up to \$5,000 per business applicant to use for business interruption due to required or voluntary closure during "stay at home" order in March/April 2020. Proof of closure and loss revenue will be required. NOTE: Funds received for this purpose will be taxable as income under the IRS code.

Businesses or non-profits may apply to any or all mini-grant categories if applicable. Applicants may submit all documentations for all three categories through one application.

To determine business eligibility and to apply online, visit www.tellercountygrant.com. For more information, contact Debbie Miller at 719-687-9885 or grant@gwpcc.biz.