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New \$500 million state COVID relief grants program includes nonprofits – details below!



On November 30, Governor Gavin Newsom announced a new \$500 million program, the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program, to provide **grants of up to \$25,000 to small businesses and nonprofits in California.**

Nonprofits in either 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) categories with yearly gross revenues of \$2.5 million or less will be eligible for a grant through the new program. **Nonprofits in all fields of work are eligible; in fact, arts and cultural institutions are explicitly included.**

We have worked for months to ensure that nonprofits are included in relief programs for small businesses. We are pleased that we and our legislative allies – **including Assemblymembers Limón, Rendon, Rivas, Ting, and others** – were able to make the case successfully to the [Office of Small Business Advocate \(CalOSBA\)](#), the lead agency developing the program.

To receive notices directly from CalOSBA about the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program, [sign up here](#).

Program Details and Dates

Grant application period: December 18, 2020 – April 1, 2021

How to apply: CalOSBA will select an intermediary organization/firm by December 10; nonprofits will apply to the intermediary for grants

Applicant criteria:

- In operation since June 2019
- Currently active
- 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6)

- Annual revenue of \$2.5 million or less

Expenses that can be covered by the grant include:

- Payroll costs
- Health care benefits
- Rent and utilities
- Costs associated with reopening
- Other COVID-related costs not covered through other grants

We will share more information with you about this grant opportunity as we have it. But we also encourage you to [sign up to get information directly from CalOSBA here](#).

Thank you to CalOSBA and our allies in the California Legislature for recognizing the crucial role of nonprofits – of all kinds – in our economy and in our communities.

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