

## FAQs for Temecula Assist: Rent Recovery and Job Retention Grant

**Introduction:** The City has been provided a special allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the City of Temecula. In response to the economic hardships experienced by businesses resulting from the pandemic, the City of Temecula is launching **Temecula Assist**, providing direct relief to energize Temecula's local economic backbone, retain jobs, especially those held by low- and moderate-income residents, and to stabilize local businesses. The **Temecula Assist: Rent Recovery and Job Retention Grant** is funded with these CDBG funds.

**Total Funds:** \$329,000

**Q: What is the maximum amount of grant funds available from the City?**

**A:** The City will provide up to \$10,000 in CDBG grant funds to eligible businesses.

The City will use a lottery to select businesses to receive the grant in providing grants, if it receives more applications than there is funding.

If additional funding for this program is made available, eligible businesses not receiving funds in the first round will be given priority in the second round. Those businesses which were funded in the first round will not be eligible to receive funding in the second round.

**Q: Can a businessowner submit an application for both Temecula Assist programs?**

**A:** No, businesses may only submit an application for one of the Temecula Assist programs.

**Q: How do I apply for the grant funds?**

**A:** Applications will be accepted from May 26, 2020 through June 9, 2020 at 5 pm via the City's website [temeculaca.gov/TemeculaAssist](http://temeculaca.gov/TemeculaAssist). Applicants may also mail their applications to:

City of Temecula  
Temecula Assist: Rent Recovery and Job Retention  
Attn: Lynn Kelly-Lehner  
41000 Main Street  
Temecula, CA 92590

Please note that City Hall is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mailed applications must be received by **5 pm by Tuesday, June 9, 2020**. Hand delivered applications cannot be accepted at this time. **Email submissions will not be accepted.** Questions about this program can be emailed to [businessgrants@temeculaca.gov](mailto:businessgrants@temeculaca.gov).



**Q: What may the funds be used for?**

**A:** Grants may only be used for rent, mortgage, or payroll related expenses incurred on or after June 9, 2020.

**Q: After a business is selected for funding through the lottery, what kind of documentation will be required from the businessowner?**

**A:** Following selection in the lottery, the business will need to confirm program eligibility as set forth in the program guidelines. The business will also need to provide demographic and socioeconomic data for Federal program reporting and documentation.

If during the application review, the application is deemed to be incomplete or lacking adequate detail, the City will provide **one week** for the business to complete the application before considering the business ineligible.

**Q: What if the businessowner has received funding from SBA or other federal or state sources to address the needs created by the coronavirus?**

**A:** The businessowner must demonstrate that the CDBG funding will be used for different purposes than were provided by the other funding source or that the other funding source was insufficient to meet the existing or current needs.

**Q: Must all employees and the businessowner have to be eligible to work in the United States?**

**A:** Yes. This is a requirement of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Q: Are applications and financial records subject to public disclosure?**

**A:** Application materials are subject to public disclosure, except that personal and financial information will be withheld from disclosure to protect the privacy of the applicants. The information will only be viewed by the City's program employees and consultants directly working with the grant review process and possibly by a HUD auditor.

