



**DAVIDSON COVID BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANT II
OPERATING GUIDELINES
October 11, 2021**

I. GRANT

A grant to be known as the Davidson Covid Business Support Grant (the "Grant") is established in the Town of Davidson (the "Town") through N.C. Gen. Stat. § 143B-472.35 (the "Act"). This grant shall be administered by the Town of Davidson. The Town of Davidson shall be responsible for disbursement of all funds as provided in the legislative language and in these guidelines.

The Town of Davidson is authorized to award a total of \$50,000 in grants to eligible participants.

II. PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

The Program is intended to strengthen the local economy by providing funds for Covid related items that help to keep Davidson businesses operating.

III. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Grant money shall be available to designated retail businesses in Davidson's commercial districts in town including the areas of Downtown (including Sadler Square and The Cotton Mill), South Main and Circles @ 30, provided that such businesses meet the definition of a small business pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 143B-472.35. Retail is defined in the Town of Davidson's planning ordinance as: "Uses in which the principal use of purpose is the sale of goods, products, merchandise, or services directly to the consumer." Retail establishments promote high walk-in customer counts, are shopping destinations, provide visual interest and create active street life but are not detrimental to the district in which it is located. Uses include, but are not limited to: alcoholic beverage retail sales; art or antique shop, including art supplies and framing materials; automobile accessories and supplies (excluding installation); bar/tavern/nightclub, beer or wine shops, and brewpubs; book, stationery, card store, or newsstand; clothing, shoe, dry goods or notions store; cosmetic and beauty supply store; department, furniture, home furnishings and small appliances, interior decorating store (with incidental interior service); jewelry store; kitchen store; leather goods/luggage; music/video sales or rental; optical/auditory store (with incidental exam); pet shop; restaurant, coffee shop, or delicatessen; vintage or consignment shop; specialty food store, including bakery, fruit, vegetable, fish, or meat market; sporting goods store; and variety store.

IV. ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Items available for grant funding include expenses that are incurred by a business as a result of the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic but were allowed to remain open. Examples of eligible items include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Purchase or rent of outdoor tents to cover outdoor seating.
- Purchase or rent of heaters for outdoor seating areas.
- Purchase of plexiglass or other approved dividers.
- Purchase of air filtration units.

The Town of Davidson will have final approval on items deemed eligible for funding. Applicants must meet all local, state and national Covid-19 health and safety guidelines to receive funding.

V. GRANT AMOUNTS

The Town of Davidson has authorized the amount of \$50,000 in total grant funds that may be awarded. A business may submit a grant for an amount not to exceed \$4,000 in the first application period. If money remains in the grant fund after the first application period, a business may submit another request for an amount not to exceed \$4,000 until all funds have been awarded. Grants may be awarded for items that have already been purchased (or rented) as well as items that have yet to be purchased (or rented) provided that a valid receipt or invoice is submitted as part of the grant application.

VI. APPLICATION DATES

Applications will be accepted beginning October 11, 2021. The first application period will be from October 11, 2021 through November 30, 2021. Additional application periods will be on a 30-day rolling basis until all funds are exhausted.

VII. GRANT AWARDS AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION

All grant applicants must submit the following:

- Completed copy of grant application.
- Copies of paid invoices or receipts for eligible items.
- Completed W-9 form

A grantee shall agree to release, indemnify and hold the Town of Davidson harmless with respect to the use of any grant funds. Additionally, grantees are required to ensure compliance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, requirements and policies. Such requirements apply to all Project activities, whether or not the work is performed by the grantee or some other third party and whether or not Grant funds have been awarded or distributed to any third parties or sub-recipients. To the extent that applicable laws, rules, policies or requirements are not followed (including, but not limited to

representations made by a grantee in its application), the Town reserves the right of to (1) withhold or deny reimbursement of the full amount of the Grant to grantee where there is noncompliance with any applicable law, rule, policy or requirement (even when such noncompliance is the result of a third party's action); (2) require the grantee to repay all or part of a Grant where improper use of the funds or non-compliance with any law, rule, regulation or requirement has occurred; or, (3) pursue any legal remedies available to the Town to seek reimbursement of such funds, including any expenses the Town incurs in seeking such reimbursement.