



Alaska Cares Grant Program to Provide Economic Relief to Eligible Small Businesses, Commercial Fishermen

The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED), together with the Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority, established the [Alaska Cares Grant Program](#). This program is intended to provide relief to eligible small Alaskan businesses and commercial fishermen impacted by COVID-19. DCCED recommends reviewing the [checklist and FAQs](#) carefully prior to submitting the application. The grant amount is \$5,000 to \$100,000, based on eligible expenses. Those who do not qualify include business that received and kept more than \$5,000 from the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program and/or EIDL programs. The online application [portal](#) opened today, August 6th. The program will run until either November 15, 2020; once the program's cap is reached; or the end of the Governor's declared COVID-19 State of Emergency for the State of Alaska.

For more information, visit this [link](#).

SWAMC Invites Businesses to Take Advantage of Forward

Online Tool Links Businesses Impacted by COVID-19 to grants, loans, etc.

SWAMC is offering a free online tool called FORWARD that connects Southwest Alaska businesses to a comprehensive list of federal, state, and local resources, which include grants, loans, credits, offers and incentives. It's a one-stop shop for businesses affected by COVID-19. It's designed to help member communities and businesses recover from the impacts of COVID-19 as effectively as possible. Click on the link below for more information:

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