

Sacramento County Business Support – Non Small Business Administration

The County has assisted over 5,311 businesses and provided \$13.1 million in direct support from CARES Act funding. (Airports, Economic Development, Environmental Management, Finance and Planning)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 19, 2020, Sacramento County issued its first Public Health Order. Both the County directive and the State order closed non-essential businesses as well as eliminated non-essential travel. County departments immediately began efforts to provide businesses with relief programs. Examples of support in the form of assistance includes:

- **PPE Distribution Assistance:** Provided 1.5 million face coverings to businesses unable to obtain otherwise due to available supply. (Beginning May 26)
- **Building/Planning Permit Extension:** Extends certain development related approvals for projects impacted by COVID-19. (Board approved on May 5, extended June 16)
- **Economic Recovery Support:** Provides one-on-one assistance to small businesses related to funding options and economic relief program support and up to date information on State guidelines. (To date: 593 businesses assisted and 2,434 staff hours)
- **Utility Service Fee Relief:** Waive penalties and enforcement of storm drainage, solid waste collection and water use service fees for businesses and individuals unable to make service fee payments on time. (Board approved on June 2)
- **Tax Penalty Relief:** Waive penalties, costs or interest for businesses and individuals (400 to date) unable to make property tax payments on time. (State Executive Order N-61-20 approved on May 6)
- **Business License Renewal Fee Relief:** Extend the time for businesses to pay renewal license fees, with all late fees waived. (Beginning in April)

Additional economic relief efforts, including expenditures of CARES Act funding:

| PROGRAMS | PURPOSE | COUNT | CONTRIBUTION |
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| Use Permits for Outdoor Services | Allow businesses to expand services and operations to outdoor area, including parking lots. (Board approved on May 19) | 12 Permits | \$60,000 |
| Airport Tenant Relief | Waive rents and fees to Airport tenants (restaurants, retail and auto rentals) to assist with financial loss. Additional \$1,510,000 fees deferred for tenants. (Board approved on April 21) | 18 Tenants | \$3,248,000 |
| Technical Support | Support business compliance and education efforts conducted by County Environmental Management Department. (Board approved on September 10) | 3,483 Field Assessments | \$3,000,000 (11,995 staff hours) |
| Dine at Home Sacramento | Provide meals for up to 1,000 low income seniors. (Board approved on June 2) | 15 Restaurants | \$6,000,000 |
| Re-opening Navigators | Outreach and education to disadvantaged communities to facilitate business support and information on measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. (CARES Act Committee approved on June 10 and July 15) | 717 Contacts | \$825,000 |
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