

The Meridian Township Board unanimously approved the Meridian Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to provide economic support to Meridian Township's small business community to assist business operations that have been negatively impacted due to the COVID-19 crisis. Through its Small Business Relief Grant Program, the Meridian Township Board is providing grant opportunities to small businesses affected by the virus. The Meridian Township Small Business Relief Grant Program was formally established to assist our small business owners with the negative impacts related to COVID-19.

The total grant allocation \$500,000 for about 70 businesses to receive **up to \$7,000** in funding. The quantity and the amount of these awards will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the review of a Meridian EDC subcommittee. Applications will be available online and must be submitted via the online form at www.meridian.mi.us/SmallBusinessReliefGrant. The application period begins on Monday, December 21, 2020 and ends at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Grants are anticipated to be awarded on January 8, 2021, with funds distributed by January 15, 2021.

BUSINESS ELIGIBILITY:

All businesses seeking funds must meet **all** the following requirements:

1. The business is in the jurisdictional boundaries of Meridian Township.
2. The business is not delinquent on any accounts, fees, taxes, or assessments owed to Meridian Township.
3. The business has a physical (brick-and-mortar) location.