

# COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT GRANT

**If your small business, non-profit, or charity had to close or reduce operations because of the COVID-19 public health order, you may be eligible for a one-time grant.**

Small businesses, non-profits, or charities ordered to close or substantively curtail their operations under the COVID-19 public health order may be eligible for the Small Business Impact Grant.

The one-time grant is equal to 15% of sales revenue from either April 2019 or February 2020, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per business. You can choose which month will be used to calculate the grant amount.

You can use the grant for anything your business, non-profit or charity needs. The grant is stackable and can be used in combination with the Small Business Rental Deferral Guarantee Program and other provincial and federal Covid-19 programs to support small businesses.

## ELIGIBILITY

Small businesses, non-profits, or charities ordered to close or substantively reduce operations because of the COVID-19 Health Protection Act Order can access the grant. These businesses include:

- restaurants with on-site dining
- drinking establishments (including bars, winery and distillery tasting rooms and craft taprooms)
- personal care services (including hair salons, barber shops, spas, nail salons, and body art establishments)
- fitness establishments (including gyms, yoga and Pilates studios, and rock climbing establishments)
- veterinarians
- unregulated health professionals (including massage therapists, acupuncturists, naturopathic doctors, Chinese medicine practitioners, other complementary and alternative medicine practitioners, and podiatrists)
- self-regulated health professionals (including audiologists, chiropractors, and physiotherapists)—certain self-regulated health professionals are ineligible: physicians, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, nurses, dentists, and paramedics

- live performing arts for audiences (including live theatre and musical performances)
- in-person trade shows and exhibitions

**Your business must also:**

- have an anticipated revenue loss for April 2020 of 30% or more
- have been established on before March 15, 2020—if you're within 15 days of earning your first sales revenue on March 15, you should still apply, as we may be able to help
- be a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, society, social enterprise, not-for-profit, charity in business, or other similar organization—if your business is incorporated, it must pay the small business corporate tax rate on income taxes

Small businesses typically have fewer than 200 employees.

## INELIGIBLE BUSINESSES

Some types of small businesses are ineligible:

- licensed and other childcare providers
- physicians, pharmacists, nurse practitioners, nurses, paramedics, and dentists
- golf courses
- retail sales
- Casino Nova Scotia
- March Break camps

## HOW TO APPLY

Online applications will open no later than 10 April 2020.

The deadline to apply is 25 April 2020.

### Before you start

When you apply, you'll need:

- your business number
- banking information
- unaudited income statement for April 2019 or February 2020
- depending on your business type, a recent tax document like a T1, T2, T3010 or HST return
- image of a voided cheque