



We want to make you aware of potential support for your business regarding the CARES Act, and more specifically, the **Leon CARES Small Business Assistance Program**.

As authorized by Congress, the CARES Act enables State and Local governments to lessen the financial impacts due to costs associated with the pandemic. As part of that funding, our County leadership is recommending over \$6 million in new business assistance grants.

In coordination with OEV and community partners, and if approved by our Leon County Commission, the Leon CARES Small Business Assistance program will provide \$1,500 to \$6,000 grants to approximately 3,100 qualifying small

businesses. Support will be based on the business' number of employees to cover business expenses that are directly related to COVID-19. This includes employee wages, vendor bills, rent, utilities, promotion, and employee/ customer safety costs. Focused on businesses with less than 100 employees, over 5,000 local companies may be eligible for the grants.

Should the County Commission approve the Small Business Assistance program, we will provide you the details on how to apply.

To show your support of this initiative you may [submit a public comment](#) to the Leon County Commission re agenda item #16.

Please trust the Capital City Chamber is working to grow greater support for your business during these increasing challenges from COVID19.

All the best,

Katrina Tuggerson