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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

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### **City of Fountain Valley Helps Small Businesses in Second Supervisorial District with \$10,000 Grants**

Fountain Valley, CA – The City of Fountain Valley continues to help businesses during the pandemic. The City received the CARES Act funding allocation from Second District Supervisor Michelle Steel on June 2, 2020. The City Council approved and created a Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program to help its commercial storefronts experiencing financial losses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In support of businesses that may not have secured the City's COVID-19 Emergency Small Business Employee Retention Grant or federal pandemic-relief funds, Fountain Valley through the CARES Act funding allocation is offering direct financial assistance to small businesses in Second Supervisorial District. Businesses that meet the city's eligibility requirements of the Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program can apply for a \$10,000 grant beginning Wednesday, June 10 at 5:00 p.m. through Tuesday, June 16 at 5:00 p.m.

**The City of Fountain Valley officials advise business owners to attend a webinar on Monday, June 8 at 11:00 a.m. in English or Tuesday, June 9 at 11 a.m. in Vietnamese** with the city and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) where representatives will present information on the grant program and answer questions in real-time. To register for the webinar and learn more about the program, visit [Fountain Valley website](#) or [SBDC website](#).

Seeking to help many panicked business owners, the City of Fountain Valley partnered with the SBDC hosted by California State University, Fullerton, to provide businesses direct access to critical, debt-free funding. Fountain Valley small business owners are urged to contact the [SBDC](#) for help in applying. The SBDC can also help the grant awardees — at no cost — with the grant application and preparing additional documents required to receive funding.

The City allocated \$900,000 to provide approximately 90 Fountain Valley businesses affected by COVID-19 with \$10,000 grant opportunities. Applicants must meet the City's requirements, having an active business license with less than 25 full-time employees. Awardees will be selected by lottery during a Facebook Live event on Friday, June 19 at 10 a.m.

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