

On March 18th, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners voted to request authority from the Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission to allocate \$200,000 of the tax collected from county establishments (outside of the City of Bloomington) to aid locally-owned businesses that support tourism in the community.

On March 24th, the Food and Beverage Tax Advisory Commission approved the release of these funds.

This is an effort to support local businesses and their employees who are suffering economic losses as a result of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) health emergency. The County's portion of the Food and Beverage tax is the portion collected from businesses outside the City of Bloomington. Because of this, the County Commissioners are restricted to offering aid only to those businesses located outside the city limits. The expenditure of Food and Beverage tax dollars can only be made to support tourism.

An informational survey was released last week and based on the information received there and with community input, the Commissioners have developed a basic application form for businesses to utilize to apply for funding.

Completing the application does not guarantee that funding will be made available. The scope of funding will be reviewed weekly by the Board of Commissioners.

In addition to restaurants and bars, other locally-owned businesses that support tourism are encouraged to complete the survey if they have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board of Commissioners recognize that while there are some long-term funding opportunities for businesses, short-term assistance may be vital for the survival of our local economy.

Monroe County Covid-19 Virus Relief Application

Items indicated by an asterisk*, will be treated as protected confidential financial information. All other information will be treated as a public record available for public review.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Title: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

2018 Gross Revenue*: _____ 2019 Gross Revenue*: _____

Lease Expiration Date*: _____ Monthly Rent*: _____

Monthly Utilities*: _____

What percentage of this business is owned by residents of Monroe County? _____

Number of Full Time Employees: _____ Number of Part Time Employees: _____

Please initial to confirm the following;

___ I confirm my business is registered in Monroe County and is outside the City limits.

___ I agree to verify the economic damage suffered by my business due to Covid-19 virus via tax returns and financial statements.

___ I agree to document and report the results that come from my receipt of Monroe County relief forms.

Please give a narrative of how your business has been impacted by Covid-19 virus:

If this is a restaurant, what was the cost of food that you were unable to use due to COVID-19 closure or downturn in business?

What additional expenses has your business incurred as the result of the COVID-19 crisis? (For example, maintaining employees on payroll, purchasing additional gloves, offering free food delivery which required the hiring of a delivery person and paying mileage, etc.).

Are you applying for other funding (grants or loans)? Please explain.

Please give a narrative of how relief funds will be used to benefit your business/and or your employees:

Please give a narrative of how your business relates to tourism:

How much money are you requesting from the Monroe County COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund? Consider short-term needs first.

Signature: _____ Date: _____