

State of Nebraska Offers \$12,000 Grants to Small Businesses Affected by COVID-19 Pandemic – Act Fast!

Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts has announced that certain small businesses will be eligible for \$12,000 grants from the state to help address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses can begin applying on June 15 and the funds will be distributed to eligible businesses on a first-come first-serve basis.

Only businesses with at least five and no more than 49 employees (head count and **not** full-time-equivalent) are eligible. Certain classes of businesses are excluded (see below). Applicants must be able to demonstrate a negative economic impact due to the pandemic.

Funds can be used for working capital and for operating expenses not otherwise covered by insurance or other assistance programs.

Applications will be open for eligible businesses from June 15 to June 26 only.

Businesses excluded include:

- Mining
- Utilities
- Finance and Insurance
- Management of businesses
- Education
- Public administration
- Lobbying
- Businesses delinquent on Nebraska taxes
- Businesses debarred or suspended from federal programs

The grants will not be awarded competitively but will be awarded to eligible applicants on a first-come first-serve basis.

The website for the program is [here](#). Frequently asked questions are [here](#). The application process can be begun [here](#).

Please call your Vandennack Weaver attorney at 402-504-1300 or info@vwattys.com for more information.