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### **E-Alert: NEBRASKA ANNOUNCES PHASE 2 OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF GRANTS APPLICATION PERIOD BEGINS OCTOBER 21**

On October 19, 2020, Governor Ricketts announced the second phase of Nebraska's Coronavirus Relief Fund Programs, which will use the remainder of the \$1.084 billion allocated to Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, or CARES Act. Phase 2 allocates approximately \$146.25 million of state aid to businesses continuing to suffer from the economic impact of the novel coronavirus and COVID-19. The \$146.25 million allocated to the "Grow Nebraska 2" program will be directed as follows:

- \$20 million for bars and restaurants, in \$12,000 first-come, first-serve grants. Businesses that did not get grants in June are eligible for up to \$24,000.
- \$15 million for small-business stabilization, in \$12,000 first-come, first-serve grants. The \$12,000 grants are only available to entities that did not receive grants from the first installment of Grow Nebraska.
- \$10 million for livestock producers, in \$12,000 first-come, first-serve grants. The \$12,000 grants are only available to entities that did not receive grants from the first installment of Grow Nebraska.
- \$22 million for cosmetic, massage, and body art businesses, in \$12,000 first-come, first-serve grants.
- \$20 million for event centers and sports arenas, in tiered grants up to \$50,000 based on the size of facility.
- \$15 million for ethanol plants, in tiered grants based upon facility capacity.
- \$6 million total for the Henry Doorly Zoo, Lincoln Children's Zoo, and Riverside Discovery Center (Scottsbluff).
- \$3.2 million for movie theaters, in grants of \$10,000 per screen.
- \$34 million for hotels and convention centers, in tiered grants up to \$500,000 based on facility size and approximate guests.
- \$1 million for an awareness campaign.

Phase 2 also includes a second installment of the Community CARES program, which is targeting more than \$48 million in grants for social services. "Community CARES 2" includes \$29 million in grants for charities, nursing homes, and health clinics who did not receive grants from the first installment of Community CARES (except for assisted living and long-term care facilities who can apply and receive again) on a first-come, first-served basis. The minimum grant is \$12,000, and organizations servicing areas disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 can receive up to \$27,000. Community CARES 2 also allocates:

- \$500,000 to places of worship for sanitizer and masks, in grants of \$1,500.

- \$11 million to the state's food banks.
- \$2.5 million to eligible child-care providers, in grants of \$1,200.
- \$3.3 million to organizations that help with eviction-protection and housing security.
- \$2.2 million to community organizations who received funding from the first installment of Community CARES and continue to meet the increasing needs of their community.

Phase 2 of Nebraska's Coronavirus Relief Programs also allocates:

- \$40 million to hospitals to pay for hazard pay and increased nursing staff to fill critical workforce shortages (announced last week by the governor).
- \$100,000 to the State government for COVID-19 expenses.
- \$28.4 million to the unemployment insurance trust fund.
- Expanded support for local governments to cover past payroll costs.

Applications for organizations and businesses seeking grants from Phase 2 of Nebraska's Coronavirus Relief Fund Programs open on October 21 and close on November 13.

If you have any questions related to Nebraska's Coronavirus Relief Fund Programs or the impact of the novel coronavirus, please [CLICK HERE](#) to access our several relevant practice areas and contact information on individual lawyers.

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