Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q. Can you submit the same expenses for the SAFE program and the Business Relief COVID Expense reimbursement program?

A. No. The two programs have different expenditure time period requirements.

- The SAFE program only reimburses COVID-related purchases made on and after September 10th.
- The Business Relief Expense program is retroactive and reimburses business owners for COVID-related purchases made during March-September 9, 2020.

Q. Do all three programs reimburse for the same thing?

A. No. The grant allocations for the three programs are all completely separate and unique.

- The Business Relief Revenue Loss program reimburses business owners up to $10,000 for net revenue loss as compared to 2019.
- The Business Relief Expense program is retroactive and reimburses business owners up to $10,000 for COVID-related purchases made during March-September 9, 2020.
- The SAFE program only reimburses COVID-related purchases made on and after September 10th and has no cap.

Q. Can we show our 2019 TOT reports for March through June compared to those of 2020 to show how much we lost during those months?

A. We prefer that you use gross revenue data to show your losses; however, if you would like to include your TOT reports, as well, that is acceptable.

Q. Question #6 asks if the business has received any other forms of financial assistance to include insurance proceeds. What does this mean?
A. This question is referring to the receipt of additional funding resources, such as insurance proceeds, personal loans or Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Emergency Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL).

Q. Under the “IMPACTS” section, the business is asked to report expenses for 2020. Does that include COVID-related expenses, such as Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), hand sanitizer, sneeze guards, additional cleaning products, outdoor tents or other purchases necessary to reopen for the business industry sector?

A. No. Please do not include COVID-related expenses in this field. The grant is specifically asking for regular operating expenses, which do not include COVID-related purchases.

Q. I have a copy of the grant application form from a Board of Supervisors meeting. May I complete that and email or hand deliver it to the County?

A. No. The grant application form has undergone several revisions and updates, so it is important that you complete the electronic form on the County website.

Q. Who will be reviewing my grant application?

A. A 3 person team of directors from the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) of Mariposa County have volunteered to vet each grant application, with the Mariposa County Economic Development Specialist acting as an advisor.

Q. Will the review team keep my personal information confidential?

A. Yes, each member of the EDC review team has signed a Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA).

Q. Are vacation rentals eligible to apply?

A. Yes, any Mariposa County business owner who lost revenue during 2020 as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic is eligible to apply.

Q. When is the grant application deadline?

A. The grant application form is due no later than November 2, 2020 @ 11:59pm.