



County of San Bernardino

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Mason Touts Success of County Small Business COVID Initiative

San Bernardino, CA — San Bernardino County Auditor-Controller/Treasurer/Tax Collector (ATC) Ensen Mason today encouraged qualified small businesses to apply for the San Bernardino COVID Compliant Business Partnership Program.

“This innovative program awards grants of up to \$2,500 per business to mitigate the costs of compliance with government COVID mandates and restrictions,” said Mason. “In cooperation with the federal government, the County is helping reimburse businesses for a portion of these extra costs. ATC is ready and waiting to process your check today, and we look forward to receiving your application.”

From May through July 10, 2020, the County has made 2,903 payments totaling \$7,704,000 to qualifying small businesses. The amount of money eligible for distribution through this program is \$30,000,000 and the application deadline is August 31, 2020. ATC encourages you to apply today **on-line** as there is still over \$22 million available to be claimed.

Basic qualifications are small businesses located in San Bernardino County with no more than 100 employees. Funding priority is given to those who have been in operation for more than one year and have not participated in in other state or federal assistance programs such as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

Qualifying businesses may receive, in addition to their check, a COVID Compliant Business Partner window graphic to demonstrate to the public their commitment to public health and safety. They also qualify for exclusive access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as masks and sanitary supplies, directly from the County at the County’s cost with no markup of any kind.

Please apply on-line today at <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/d9e0d8f4201e48b291f6e68c48b48006> or visit the County’s website at <https://sbcovid19.com/covid-compliant-business-partnership-program/> for further information or call 909-387-3911.

ATC is located at 268 W. Hospitality Lane in San Bernardino. Business hours are 8 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday. Please visit www.SBCounty.gov/ATC and follow us on social media, @SanBernardinoCountyATC, for the most up-to-date information.

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