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The City of South Euclid and One South Euclid Community Development Corporation Launch “COVID-19 Emergency Business Relief Fund”

In this time of crisis, the City of South Euclid and One South Euclid Community Development Corporation are joining together to provide resources and financial assistance to local businesses impacted by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.

The South Euclid COVID-19 Emergency Business Relief Fund has been created to address the financial hardship small businesses are experiencing due to the COVID-19 crisis. The fund will provide grants of up to $5,000 to qualifying small businesses.

The program is the vision of South Euclid Mayor Georgine Welo who has seen first-hand the impact small business owners are facing during the COVID-19 pandemic. “South Euclid’s small businesses serve as one of the key backbones of our community,” said Mayor Welo. “Stepping up to help them survive during this extraordinary time is not only the right thing to do, it’s critical to the future health and vitality of our community.”

The program will make available grants of up to $5,000 per business. Businesses (excluding home based businesses) will be able to use the grant funding for business related expenses including rent & utilities, employee salaries, equipment and supplies and other associated expenses. Applicants will need to illustrate how their business has been severely impacted by COVID-19 pandemic shutdown and provide relevant financial records documenting their ability to continue operations once the pandemic has receded.

The grant program will be funded jointly by the City and One South Euclid. However, all grant awards will be decided by One South Euclid’s Grant Review Committee which is made up of five volunteer South Euclid residents. Applications will be available beginning Monday, April 6, 2020 at www.onesoutheuclid.org/grants. Deadline for submission is April 17. 2020 at 5 pm.

“Just like One South Euclid has been working hard to ensure residents have access to financial resources through our Neighborhood Grant Program, we are also committed to helping our small business community,” said Len Calabrese, President of the One South Euclid Community Development Corporation.

“Many of these businesses have supported our community for years, and in these unprecedented times we must do what we can to help ensure that when the pandemic is over, they are able to once again serve our community,” said Mayor Welo. “I’m grateful to all members of City Council and our Community Development Corporation for their outstanding leadership and support during these challenging times.”

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