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City of Versailles, Ky. “Versailles COVID-19 Economic Hardship and Small Business
Economic Recovery Grants”

Versailles, Ky: The COVID-19 pandemic has caused significant economic hardship to both residents and small businesses in Versailles and today Mayor Traugott and the Versailles City Council are announcing two programs to provide some relief.

The Versailles Economic Recovery Act has two components:

- 1. AID TO VERSAILLES RESIDENTS** suffering economic hardship due to COVID-19 and related public health measures. Part of the act is intended to prevent homelessness and utility shutoffs of households that have been adversely impacted financially by the pandemic.

The City of Versailles will enter into an agreement with Blue Grass Community Action Partnership to administer an assistance program for individuals facing economic hardship due to COVID-19.

Eligibility for this assistance shall be limited to households that earn less than 300% of the Federal Poverty Level and prove according to requirements developed by Blue Grass Community Action Partnership and approved by the Mayor that the current hardship is caused by COVID-19 and related public health measures.

Blue Grass Community Action Partnership may provide assistance for eligible households by direct payment to vendors for the following utility bills that are delinquent:

- a. Water/ Sewer/ Trash
- b. Electric
- c. Natural Gas
- d. Internet
- e. Propane
- f. Kerosene

Eligible households may receive assistance under this section up to two (2) times during the duration of this program and total assistance per household shall be a maximum of \$750.

Blue Grass Community Action Partnership may provide assistance for eligible households by direct payment to lenders and landlords for rent or mortgage payments that are delinquent, (including interest and insurance escrow if included in the regular payment) or rental deposits. Each grant must guarantee an additional 30 days of shelter.

Applications will be accepted through BGCAP Community Developer at 200 Park Street, Versailles KY 40383. The developer will use the CATINET database system for client intake and generate a voucher for payments.

2. AID TO BUSINESSES ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY COVID-19

Part of the Act is *intended to support businesses that have been adversely impacted* by the COVID-19 pandemic and have had to continue to pay fixed costs despite a decline in revenue.

Every entity mentioned below must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for assistance:

- a. Must have a brick and mortar location within Versailles City limits;
- b. Must have fewer than fifty (50) employees;
- c. Must not be a national or multi-state chain or franchise unless 51% of ownership is by a resident of Woodford County;
- d. Must have experienced a documented decrease in revenue since March 20, 2020; and
- e. Must be current on all required licensing and payments with the City of Versailles or Versailles Municipal Utilities before assistance is granted.

Each Business ENTITY below eligible amount shall be no more than the largest of:

- a. The amount of rent or mortgage paid since March 20, 2020 for a location within Versailles; or
- b. For a building owned without a mortgage, an amount equivalent to \$0.58 per square foot per month from March 20, 2020 until the date of the application; or
- c. The amount spent on water, sewer, electricity, gas, insurance and internet since March 20, 2020; or
- d. The amount of payroll paid since March 20, 2020; or
- e. The reduction in projected revenue since March 20, 2020, as evidenced by appropriate documentation, multiplied by 0.25.

- A. RESTAURANTS & BARS** that were forced to close or reduce their service due to actions by executive agencies under Executive Order 2020-215 of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky are eligible for assistance from the Versailles Economic Recovery Fund up to \$7500.

The total amount of grants awarded for restaurants and bars under this section shall not exceed \$75,000

- B. HOTELS AND BREAKFASTS** that were forced to close or reduce their service due to Executive Order of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky or who experienced a loss in revenue due to an action of a government entity are eligible for assistance from the Versailles Economic Recovery Fund.

Each hotel or bed and breakfast shall be eligible for assistance of up to \$6,000.

The total amount of grants awarded for Hotels and B & B's under this section shall not exceed \$20,000.

C. DAY CARE FACILITIES that were forced to close or reduce their service due to action of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky are eligible for assistance from the Versailles Economic Recovery Fund.

The total amount of grants awarded for Day Care Facilities under this section shall not exceed \$15,000.

D. PUBLIC FACING BUSINESSES that were forced to close or reduce their service due to Executive Order 2020-215 of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky are eligible for assistance from the Versailles Economic Recovery Fund. For purposes of this order a public-facing business is one that, by the nature of their service to the public cannot comply with CDC guidelines concerning social distancing. Examples include gyms, exercise facilities, hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, and massage therapy centers.

The amount of grants awarded to Public Facing Businesses under this section shall not exceed \$180,000.

E. RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS AND OTHER BUSINESSES not covered under A. – D. above, that were forced to close or reduce their service by an order of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky are eligible for assistance from the Versailles Economic Recovery Fund.

The amount of grants awarded to Retail Establishments and Other Businesses under this section shall not exceed \$200,000.

VERSAILLES ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT REVIEW PANEL

In order to administer this order, the Versailles Economic Recovery Act Review Panel (“the panel”) is created to collect all applications submitted under this order and determine award amounts pursuant to the guidelines below. The panel shall consist of the following:

1. Mayor, or designee;
2. Versailles City Clerk/ Treasurer, or designee;
3. Versailles Minority Empowerment Liaison, or designee;
4. Two (w) Members of the Versailles City Council Finance Committee;
5. Executive Director of the Woodford County Chamber of Commerce, or designee; and
6. Chair of the Woodford County Economic Development Authority, or designee.

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