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Pittsfield Township Accepting Applications from Small, Local Businesses for Next Seven Days to Allocate \$50,000 in Emergency Relief Grants

Pittsfield Township, MI (April 17, 2020): On April 8th, the Pittsfield Township Board of Trustees approved a \$50,000 contribution to support its small businesses during the COVID-19 Pandemic. The action is based on the fact that small businesses have been harshly and negatively impacted by the aggressive spread of the COVID19 pandemic.

“Our administration operates on a partnership-based model, which relies heavily on supporting and working closely with all our residents and businesses. With the second largest tax base in Washtenaw County, Pittsfield Township’s small businesses are an engine of economic vitality for our region. As such, it is incumbent upon us to support them during this unprecedented global disruption so we may enhance equity and come out of it as a stronger and more unified community,” noted Supervisor Grewal.

Rather than develop a redundant model, Pittsfield is partnering with area stakeholders, such as Ann Arbor SPARK, that established the Washtenaw Small Business Emergency Relief Fund. Applications received by Pittsfield Township will be administered and awarded according to the guidelines established by this Relief Fund.

The Relief Fund provides short-term financial assistance to businesses with up to fifty employees or less; that have a physical establishment; that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic; with funding available for business owners with a low-to-moderate income. Grants from the Relief Fund may be used to cover day-to-day operating expenses of the business such as payroll or financial losses. The \$50,000 contribution from Pittsfield Township has been earmarked for the use by Pittsfield Township businesses that meet the criterion outlined by the Washtenaw Small Business Emergency Relief Fund.

The maximum awards will be up to \$1,000 for a home-based business, up to \$2,500 for businesses with under 10 employees, and up to \$5,000 for businesses with under 50 employees, with exceptions based on need. Our priority is to help as many businesses as possible, especially those whose staff are at immediate risk.

More details and the application are now available at: www.pittsfield-mi.gov/covid19businesssupport and will be open through 5:00PM on Friday, April 24, 2020.

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