

COUNTY OF LEHIGH
Office of the County Executive

Phillips M. Armstrong
County Executive

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Dear Lehigh County Small Business owner:

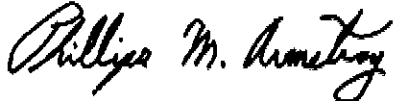
Small business is an essential part of our economy. Tens of thousands of Lehigh County residents depend on small business for their livelihood and all of us depend on the goods and services that our local small businesses provide.

The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting lockdowns and stay at home orders have created serious hardships for everyone, and most of all for small businesses.

Lehigh County has created the Lehigh County Small Business relief Grant Pool that will distribute \$5 million dollars in funding authorized under the CARES Act to Lehigh County small businesses with 100 or fewer employees. Eligible businesses as outlined in the attached guidelines can apply for up to \$15,000 to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, and to offset expenses related to the pandemic.

In order to move quickly to get these funds into the hands of our small business owners who need help now, Lehigh County will partner with the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce in marketing this program and assisting any eligible small business in applying for help. Helping small business will always be a priority to me and to Lehigh County's Board of Commissioners during these difficult times.

Sincerely,



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