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**Douglas County & Regional Port Form Partnership to Assist Small Businesses
in Douglas County**

The Douglas County Commissioners have allocated \$1.0 million dollars from a Federal CARES Act grant to support small businesses in Douglas County. These federally funded dollars, made possible under the recent CARES Act, are expressly intended to provide relief resulting from the impacts of COVID-19. The Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority has agreed to administer a Douglas County Small Business Grant Program on behalf of the county at no cost.

Douglas County Commission Chair Dan Sutton said “Small businesses throughout Douglas County have been dramatically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The County Commissioners wanted to prioritize our Federal CARES Act grant towards supporting small businesses.” The Federal CARES Act relief funds are limited to COVID-19 related issues and expenses, and these monies must be spent by October 31st, 2020.

The grant program is open to any small business throughout Douglas County with 20 full-time employees or less. The business must have a Washington State Unified Business Identifying (UBI) number, and been in business for a period of six months. Businesses can apply for up to a \$10,000 grant.

“The Regional Port would like to thank the Douglas County Commissioners for prioritizing small business grants with the Federal CARES Act grant. Providing meaningful financial support to the small business is critical to getting our economy going again,” said CDRPA Board President Rory Turner.

Applications can be found at www.cdrpa.org.

The Regional Port plans on processing grant requests as soon as applications are received. Approximately 100 small business grants are projected to be awarded.

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About the CDRPA: The Chelan Douglas Regional Port Authority is the first of its kind in Washington by functionally consolidating two county-wide port districts into one operating entity. With the mission to “Work Together to Enhance the Economic Vitality of North Central Washington”, the CDRPA acts as the principal economic development agency for Chelan & Douglas Counties. For more information, please visit www.cdrpa.org or follow us on [Facebook](#).