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**Chelan County & Regional Port Form Partnership to Assist Small Businesses  
In Chelan County**

The Chelan County Commissioners have allocated \$920,000 dollars from a Federal CARES Act grant to support small businesses within Chelan 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 Chelan County Small Business Grant Program on behalf of the county at no cost.

Chelan County Commissioner Kevin Overbay said “Small businesses throughout Chelan County have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The County Commissioners wanted to prioritize a portion of 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

The grant program is open to any small business throughout Chelan 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 \$5,000 grant.

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

Applications in both English and Spanish can be found at [www.cdrpa.org](http://www.cdrpa.org).

The Regional Port plans on processing grant requests as soon as applications are received. Approximately 184 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](http://www.cdrpa.org).