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**TOWN OF BROWNSBURG OFFERING GRANT TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES
PREPARE TO REOPEN DURING COVID-19**

The Brownsburg Town Council approved a grant program on April 30 that will provide local small businesses an injection of funds to help ready their sites as owners prepare to reopen for business. The grant application period opens today.

“We wanted to provide short-term, proactive help to our local economy during this unsettling time,” said Town Council President Travis Tschaenn. “Brownsburg has a thriving business community. Council members want our town to continue to be a place where businesses feel supported.”

Business owners with 20 or fewer full-time employees can apply for up to \$1,000 in grant funding to be used to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE), to sanitize public spaces, or whatever they see fit to best meet the needs of their employees and customers in feeling protected from the coronavirus in their facilities.

"We couldn't think of a better use for our Economic Development Income Tax dollars than to support the small businesses that help to make our community a place we all call home," said Town Manager Jeff Eder.

The Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce supports the initiative. “These business owners are the people with the vision, commitment and spirit who have been the main ingredient in making our community a great place to live, work and play,” said Executive Director Rhonda Wiles. The Brownsburg Chamber represents more than 250 member businesses and will help to spread the word about the grant. Wiles isn't aware of any similar type of grant program being offered in Hendricks County.

Among the criteria businesses must meet to qualify for the grant are:

- Be located within the Town of Brownsburg
- Be a for-profit organization
- Employ 20 or fewer employees/FTEs
- Have owner support for the grant application

The full criteria is outlined in the grant application.

Applications will be accepted starting Monday, May 4. Funds will be distributed on a first come, first-served basis until the \$30,000 allocated to the program runs out.

To apply, go to www.brownsburg.org and select Economic Development from the Departments drop-down menu. For more program information, contact Debbie Cook, Economic Development Director, at dcook@brownsburg.org.

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