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## COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

Nearly half a million dollars will be distributed to support Stockton small businesses

STOCKTON, Calif. – The City of Stockton will announce the Small Business Relief Grant Program, offering nearly half a million dollars for eligible small businesses located within the city of Stockton.

Who: Mayor, Councilmembers and City Officials

What: COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant Program

When: Thursday, April 23, 2020, 11 a.m.

Where: City Hall, Council Chamber

425 N. El Dorado St., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Stockton, CA 95202

On March 17, 2020, the Stockton City Council established a \$1.2 million Emergency Response Fund to address impacts of COVID-19, and on March 24, 2020, Council approved the allocation of these funds for the following efforts: \$500,000 to housing and homelessness; \$385,000 dedicated to community well-being; and \$350,000 to provide small business support.

Additional philanthropic funds secured by Mayor Tubbs have increased the amount of support available for small business relief to nearly half a million dollars. The Small Business Relief Grant Program criteria and application information will be announced on Thursday at a press conference.

The announcement will be streamed on the City of Stockton website at <a href="https://www.stocktonca.gov/councilmeetings">www.stocktonca.gov/councilmeetings</a> and broadcast on Channel 97. Following the press conference, please visit <a href="https://www.AdvantageStockton.com">www.AdvantageStockton.com</a> or <a href="https://www.Stocktonstrong.org">www.Stocktonstrong.org</a> for additional details.

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