

Industrial Development Authority of Dinwiddie County



August 17, 2020
6:00 PM

This meeting is being held in conformity with and in compliance with the Pandemic Disaster Continuity of Operations Ordinance approved by the Dinwiddie Board of Supervisors on April 14, 2020, through electronic means only.

All members are expected to participate remotely.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. COVID-19 Small Business Grants - 2nd Round

Documents:

[Resolution 81720.pdf](#)

4. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

5. DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMENTS

6. ADJOURNMENT

Citizens may access the meeting remotely by calling 1-415-655-0001 or 1-844-621-3956 (toll free.) The meeting number/access code is 132 168 5410.

Questions or comments regarding this meeting should be directed to Morgan Ingram at 804-469-4500, option 1, extension 2152, or mingram@dinwiddieva.us.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA FOR COVID-19 GRANT
PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has spread worldwide, including in the United States of America, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and Dinwiddie County, causing significant illness, loss of life, and economic disruption; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-4901, the intent of the legislature in authorizing the creation of industrial development authorities was so “that such authorities may be able to promote industry and develop trade by inducing manufacturing, industrial, governmental, nonprofit, and commercial enterprises and institutions of higher education to locate in or remain in the Commonwealth and further the use of its agricultural products and natural resources, and to vest such authorities with all powers that may be necessary to enable them to accomplish such purposes, which powers shall be exercised for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Commonwealth, either through the increase of their commerce, or through the promotion of their safety, health, welfare, and convenience or prosperity”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-4905(13), the Industrial Development Authority of Dinwiddie County, Virginia (the “IDA”) has the authority “to make . . . grants to any person, partnership, association, corporation, business, or governmental entity in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter including for the purposes of promoting economic development”; and

WHEREAS, the IDA Board finds that local businesses have been adversely impacted by COVID-19, resulting in a very difficult business climate; and

WHEREAS, the IDA Board does hereby find that a second round of a Small Business COVID-19 Disaster Grant Fund in the amount of \$150,000 to commercial enterprises and non-profits within Dinwiddie County so that local small businesses (including non-profit entities) may remain in existence or otherwise support the economy during the pandemic is for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Commonwealth, either through the increase of their commerce, or the promotion of their prosperity;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board does hereby direct that (1) no business with five or fewer employees shall be awarded more than \$2,500 and (2) no business with not less than six and not more than 25 employees shall be awarded more than \$5,000; provided, however, that the Board may choose to award up to \$10,000 to any business that (x) the Board determines to be a major attraction that draws visitors from primarily outside of Dinwiddie County and (y) does not have a primary business of preparing food or lodging (each, a “Major Attraction Business”).

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Board of the Industrial Development Authority of Dinwiddie County, Virginia (the “Board”) does hereby authorize and direct that marketing materials and grant application for the Second Round of the

Small Business COVID-19 Disaster Grant Fund be published in a form approved by the Deputy County Administrator for Planning and Community Development and the Director of Economic Development and that the applications be divided into two pools with the first pool to receive preference in funding. Applicants that have not previously received funds from the IDA's Small Business COVID-19 Disaster Grant Fund and Major Attraction Businesses are eligible for the first pool, which shall have a submission deadline of 5 p.m. on **August 14, 2020**. The submission deadline for the second pool, which shall consist of all applications not submitted in the first pool by **August 14, 2020** shall be 5 p.m. on **August 28, 2020**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3109(B)(ii), the Chairman of the IDA shall be authorized to find in writing as the administrative head of the IDA that the purposes of the grant program cause competitive bidding or negotiation to be contrary to the best interest of the public.

[BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT each grant application shall certify that (x) the application is not made by or for the financial benefit of any of the following persons or their immediate family members (where immediate family members includes a spouse and any other person who resides in the same household of such person or is a dependent of such person): (i) any IDA board member, (ii) any officer or employee of Dinwiddie County (including, but not limited to, the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission), or (iii) any constitutional officer of Dinwiddie County or any employee of a constitutional officer and (y) the award of an IDA COVID-19 grant to the applicant would not violate the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act.]¹

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the IDA Board directs the Deputy County Administrator for Planning and Community Development and the Director of Economic Development to screen the applications with any necessary legal advice

¹ This language is what was used for the first pool of grants.

² This language would narrow the group of persons who are not allowed to participate in the grant program to allow most County employees (including social services employees) and constitutional officer employees as well as their immediate family members to participate in the program.

from the County Attorney's Office to provide a recommendation on grant awards for the IDA at a subsequent IDA meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT each grant recipient, as a condition of receiving the grant, shall certify that the grant recipient will follow all applicable COVID-19 related federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders.
