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SC CARES Call Center Open Saturday and Sunday for Grant Application Assistance

SC Department of Administration Announces Call Center Hours

The SC CARES Call Center will be open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1 to answer questions about the Minority and Small Business Relief Grant Program and the Nonprofit Relief Grant Program.

These programs will provide grant reimbursements to South Carolina's small businesses and nonprofits for qualifying COVID-19 related expenditures.

Grant awards for the **Minority and Small Business Grant Program** will range from \$2,500 to \$25,000. To qualify for a grant from the Minority and Small Business Grant Program, a business must employ 25 or fewer employees, be physically located in South Carolina, be in operation from Sept. 13, 2019, to present, and have experienced a business impact due to COVID-19.

Grant awards for the **Nonprofit Relief Grant Program** will range from \$2,500 to \$50,000. To qualify for the Nonprofit Relief Grant Program, an organization must be designated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization by the IRS and registered as a public charity in S.C., be physically located in South Carolina, be in operation from Sept. 13, 2019, to present, and have experienced a business impact due to COVID-19.

The online application process ends Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020. Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on November 1. To access the online application, tutorials, application process tools and more, visit <https://accelerate.sc.gov/cares-act/applying-sc-cares-act-funds>.

If a business or nonprofit organization needs assistance or has questions, please contact the SC CARES Call Center at (803) 670-5170. Throughout the weekend, applicants can also email questions to the SC CARES Center at sccares@admin.sc.gov.

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