Fast Forward Fund – Gordon Square Business Relief

About the Grants

- Grants will be awarded in an amount between $500 and $5,000.
- Grant funds may be awarded to a business in phases (i.e. a business who receives a $3,000 grant may be issued the funds in phases, initially receiving $1,000 in month 1 and may receive an additional $2,000 if certain conditions are met)
- Grant applications are reviewed and awarded on a bi-monthly basis starting on July 13 and as funding is available.
- This is not a first-come, first-serve program. Those who apply earlier during this period will not be given special preference. All applications received through the close date in each round will have an equal chance to be selected.
- A business who has applied in one round who is not awarded funds does not need to re-apply to be considered in the next round.
- Amounts will be determined by a Grant Committee based on review of eligibility requirements and the scorecard metrics (see Grant Evaluation)
- Businesses may receive grant funding in only one round of applications
- Grants funds may be used for operational expenses, including working capital to support payroll expenses, rent or mortgage payments, utility expenses, marketing expenses, or other similar expenses that occur in the ordinary course of operations or to make purchases necessary to pivot an individual business model (i.e. purchasing patio tables, launching an e-commerce website, etc.)
- Minority-owned businesses seeking start-up capital for a new business opening in Gordon Square must first contact Jessica Trivisonno at jtrivisonno@dscdo.org or at 216-961-4242 x302