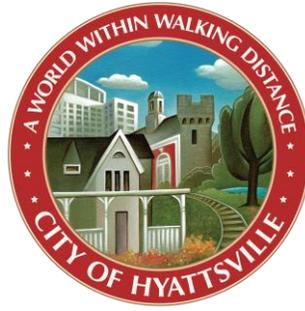


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**City of Hyattsville begins distribution \$1M COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Fund**

HYATTSVILLE, MD - In April, the Hyattsville City Council adopted an Emergency Ordinance to establish a COVID-19 Pandemic Fund in the amount of \$1 million dollars. The fund aims to reduce the impact of economic hardships arising from the pandemic for Hyattsville residents and businesses. \$500,000 is earmarked for community members through partnerships with the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation, Employ Prince George's and CASA Maryland, and the remainder will be distributed as grants to Hyattsville businesses through a City administered grant program.

The City's Business Relief Grant program will begin accepting applications on June 1, 2020. Applications are available at [www.hyattsville.org/relief-fund](http://www.hyattsville.org/relief-fund). Grants will be made in amounts of \$2,500 for small businesses and childcare centers and amounts of \$1,000 for working artists. \$175,000 is reserved for minority-, woman owned-, veteran owned- and single employee businesses. Applicants must have operations within the incorporated City limits and can apply once a quarter until funds are exhausted.

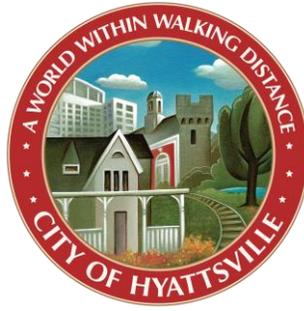
The COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Fund was introduced by Mayor Candace Hollingsworth and unanimously approved by the Council Members. Mayor Hollingsworth introduced the ordinance because, "As the pandemic persists, it is clear that a variety of efforts will be necessary to address a wide range of needs in the Hyattsville community. This fund is proposed to support programs and initiatives providing economic relief, social services support, and other measures to promote collective recovery."

Memorandums of Understanding are under development with the partners distributing the community funds. Information on how residents can access those funds will be shared at [www.hyattsville.org/relief-fund](http://www.hyattsville.org/relief-fund) as it becomes available.

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