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### Defiance County Commissioners Establish Small Business Relief Program

Defiance, OH – September 2020 – The Defiance County Commissioners have approved the use of federal CARES Act funds for the Defiance County Small Business Relief Program. This program is being coordinated between the Defiance County Commissioners and Maumee Valley Planning Organization.

The new program will provide eligible for-profit small businesses with up to \$5,000 to cover business interruption expenses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Business owners can obtain application materials from the Maumee Valley Planning Organization website at [www.mvpo.org](http://www.mvpo.org) and click on the “COVID” at the top of the page for necessary documents.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on October 2, 2020. To participate in the program, the business must have less than \$1 million in gross annual revenue, have 30 or fewer employees or 1099 workers as of March 22, 2020 and experienced a decrease in gross revenue due to COVID-19.

All expenses must be related to the business interruption caused by COVID-19 and must comply with the program guidelines. Eligible expenses may include: mortgage costs, rent or lease costs, expenses for utilities, materials and supplies related to interruption of the business caused by required closures, and personal protective equipment or other COVID-19 related costs such as expenses related to compliance with Responsible Restart Ohio.

For additional information or questions please call Maumee Valley Planning Organization at (419)-784-3882 or e-mail [COVIDrelief@mvpo.org](mailto:COVIDrelief@mvpo.org).

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