

Governor Jared Polis signed SB20B-001 on Dec. 7, 2020, providing \$37 million for direct relief payments to small businesses located in a county that is subject to, and in compliance with, severe capacity restrictions pursuant to a public health order. The Town of Wiggins applied for new state business relief funds after Morgan County declined to participate in the grant program, which allowed the county's municipalities to take part.

Morgan County and the Town of Wiggins have been at the "Red – Severe Risk" level for some time, but returned to the "Orange- High Risk" level as of Jan. 4. The Orange level dictates different and slightly less restrictive guidelines for restaurants, bars, movie theaters, and fitness and recreational sports centers.

The Town of Wiggins was awarded an allocation of Small Business Relief funds under SB20B-001 by the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). The Town of Wiggins plans to distribute the funds to qualifying business within the Town of Wiggins geographic area.

The Town of Wiggins has put together a grant program for qualifying businesses. Businesses within the Town of Wiggins may apply for a share of the funds. The grant application, including grant eligibility and the required documentation, can be found on town website at www.wigginsco.com.

This Small Business Relief program, as mandated by SB20B-001, has tight timelines and deadlines for the application process and distribution. Initially, SB20B-001 funds were required to be distributed by February 12, 2021. This deadline has been extended to February 19, 2021. The Small Business Relief funds grant application will be available for download starting January 22, 2021 and applications must be received by the Town by 12:00pm (noon) February 15th, 2021. All applications will be reviewed at that time. Town of Wiggins will begin making awards and distributing relief funds on February 18, 2021.

All applications must be submitted as a pdf sent electronically.

For any questions regarding the grant program please contact Tom Acre, Town Manager, via email at tacre@wigginsco.com or by phone at 970-483-6161.