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Michigan's Great Lake Bay Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau
COVID-19

The Great Lakes Bay Regional CVB considers the health and safety of our residents and visitors to be a priority. As your Go Great Team, we are doing our part in providing resources and information during this tough time. With the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic raising concerns about health and social distancing, many local restaurants, shops, and attractions in the Great Lakes Bay Region are temporarily closing or taking extra precautions to ensure cleanliness and customer safety.

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer has banned events and gatherings of more than 50 people and has advised dining rooms in restaurants and bars to close. We ask that everyone considers supporting these locally owned and operated establishments during this time of uncertainty by purchasing gift cards or certificates to be used later. Our team has compiled a list of restaurants that are offering take-out, delivery, online orderings and other options throughout the Great Lakes Bay Region. These options are a great way to support local restaurants and bars during this time. We are working as a team in monitoring this list and in keeping it as up-to-date as possible. Click [here](#) to view current offerings and resources available in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

Our team is also working closely with our local hotels, restaurants, attractions, and other related partners to continue to operate first and foremost with the health and safety of our visitors in mind. We are continuing to monitor this public health threat and to connect our visitors with the most valuable and accurate resources available.

We also ask for our residents and visitors in self-quarantine to take this time to think about your personal physical and mental health as well as your neighbors'. It is important to remember that the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is temporary and by coping with this stress appropriately it will make you, the people around you, and your community stronger. Through the Michigan Suicide and Crisis Hotlines we are fortunate to have our own hotline center within Saginaw County. The crisis intervention services at Saginaw County Mental Health Center can be reached at 1-800-233-0022.



While moving forward we hope our residents and visitors consider exploring the [outdoors](#) or along the [waterfront](#), shopping everything from [antiques to boutiques](#), cozying up at our [breweries, wineries, and distilleries](#), experiencing a vibrant [arts scene](#) — and simply enjoying some of the top [attractions](#) in Michigan's Great Lakes Bay Region. Its during times of uncertainty where a sense of community is needed the most. As a region, we need to encourage one another not to give into the fear by banding together to better our Great Lakes Bay Region.

Other resources:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/uia/160 - Claiming UI Benefit In Michigan - Jan2014 444213 7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/uia/160_-_Claiming_UI_Benefit_In_Michigan_-_Jan2014_444213_7.pdf)



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Michigan Small Business Relief Program: Grants

- Goal:** Provide immediate grant support for businesses hardest hit by COVID-19.
- Funding:** Michigan Small Business Relief Program
- Funding Amount:** \$10 million
- Funding Availability:** On or about April 1, 2020
- Overview:** Provide up to \$10 million in grant funding to one or more local economic development organizations or nonprofit economic development organizations to provide grants up to \$10,000 to support certain small businesses statewide that have realized a significant financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Amount per lead local economic development partner will be determined based on potential impact per region.
- Eligible Businesses:** Eligible Business means a business that:
- The company is in an industry outlined in Executive Order 2020-9, or any subsequent Executive Order of similar intent (“EO”), or demonstrates it is otherwise affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, that meets one or more of the following: provides support to impacted employees, is located in a downtown district or high impact corridor or has 50 employees or less, or is a company that provides services to companies outlined in the EO and requires additional employees to support to companies or employees impacted by EO;
 - The company has 50 employees or less;
 - The company needs working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses, or other similar expenses that occur in the ordinary course of business; and
 - The company is able to demonstrate an income loss as a result of the EO, or the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Eligible Uses:** Grants may be used for working capital to support payroll expenses, rent, mortgage payments, utility expenses, or other similar expenses that occur in the ordinary course of business

Additional Information can be found online at michiganbusiness.org/covid19/

