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# NEWS RELEASE

## City releases more than \$820,000 in relief funds to local businesses

**Durango, CO:** The city of Durango has awarded 218 grants to La Plata County businesses needing assistance with expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants, ranging from \$1,100 to \$5,700, were released to two rounds of applicants. The second round of relief funding was made available in partnership with La Plata County.

Devon Schmidt, budget and strategic planning manager, said the city may have an opportunity to secure additional funds through the state. "We are continuing to make every effort to support local businesses and non-profits during this economically challenging time," she said.

### Round 1:

- Number of grant applications: 156
- Number of grants awarded: 154
- Total funds awarded: \$613,209

### Round 2:

- Number of grant applications: 68
- Number of grants awarded: 64
- Total funds awarded: \$208,100

Grants were awarded to businesses, sole proprietors and nonprofit organizations. Restaurants/bars, coffee shops, retail establishments, tourism-specific businesses, dental and medical offices, massage therapists, salons, gyms and childcare businesses were among those receiving funds. Businesses that did not receive funding in the first round were eligible to apply for the second round.

Applicants have been contacted and will receive funds when all paperwork has been submitted. Businesses have until noon, Friday, Jan. 8 to submit remaining documents. Business that have not heard back about grant applications should email [DBRF@DurangoGov.org](mailto:DBRF@DurangoGov.org). For more information about the Durango Relief Fund, visit [DurangoGov.org/DBRF](http://DurangoGov.org/DBRF)