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WORKSHOP DETAILS INYO COUNTY GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL NONPROFITS

INYO COUNTY, CA, January 11, 2020 – A digital workshop will be held on January 13 at 3:00 p.m. to provide information about the new Inyo County Community Resiliency Grant program for local nonprofits.

The county-funded grant program will provide up to \$10,000 to local nonprofit organizations that play an important role in supporting our local economy, improving quality of life in Inyo County, and addressing unmet needs of those in our community most severely impacted by COVID-19. Inyo County recognizes that these nonprofit entities have continued to provide services with significant reductions in revenue due to the pandemic, so during adoption of the Inyo County 2020-21 budget, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$100,000 of the County General Fund to support local economic and community resiliency, and to offset COVID-19 related economic hardships.

“This is a new grant program, but it shares some similarities to the recent county REVIVE grant program that assisted local small businesses, and the county’s longstanding Community Project Sponsorship Program that provides grants for community projects, events and programs,” stated Leslie Chapman, Inyo County Assistant CAO. “The upcoming digital workshop will help inform interested nonprofit groups about details of the new, Community Resiliency Grant Program, and will provide information about the grant program’s guidelines, eligibility requirements, and application process.”

The workshop is scheduled for Wednesday January 13 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. To attend, participants can log onto the Zoom meeting at <http://bit.ly/IC-CRG> , or use the link on the county website, www.inyocounty.us . The workshop is open to the public and will also include a question and answer session to further clarify how the Community Resiliency Grant Program will be implemented.

Individual, one-time grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to successful nonprofit applicants that were financially impacted by COVID-19, including loss of program revenues and increased expenses. To be eligible to apply for the grants, nonprofit organizations must meet these qualifications and conditions:

- Losses must have occurred from March 1, 2020 through Dec. 30, 2020
- Must adequately demonstrate that funding is necessary due to the financial impacts of COVID-19 and will be used to mitigate these impacts
- Must be a legally organized Nonprofit Entity under Internal Revenue Code Section 501
- Must primarily serve the residents of Inyo County
- Must directly provide services or goods that are available to, or benefit, the general public
- Cannot be exclusively engaged in lobbying
- Cannot be primarily engaged in distributing funds to other organizations or individuals
- Cannot use grant funds for an inherently religious purpose (see guidelines for exceptions)
- Cannot be any of the following: An educational institution; a social, recreational, sports or booster club; a private foundation.

The grant applications will be evaluated based on the following:

- A High Quality Written Narrative including:
 - A description of the organization including, mission, goals and history in Inyo County
 - A description of significant community benefit in the past and during COVID-19
 - A description of the direct and indirect impacts to services during the pandemic
 - A description of the intended uses of the grant funds
- Outline of COVID-19 financial impacts supported by comparative financial statements and tax returns
- Community Benefit, particularly agencies that serve the needs of our disenfranchised or disadvantaged citizens, thereby improving the quality of life in Inyo County
- Quality and completeness of application

Additional terms and conditions and information about the application process will be presented at the Jan. 13 workshop. Interested organizations can also send questions via email to businessinfo@inyocounty.us or call 760-878-8457.

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