

Local COVID-19 loan fund expands

With Grant County’s work force and businesses continuing to be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Grant County Economic Growth Council announced on Tuesday, April 14, that its COVID-19 Loan Fund has partnered with Grant County’s Convention and Visitor’s Bureau to expand its funding capacity. The revolving loan was

initially funded with \$75,000 from the Growth Council’s revolving loan program established in 2004, but the CVB contributed an extra \$20,000 to provide more assistance to Grant County retail, restaurants, and other tourism-centric businesses in an effort to survive the economic impact of the pandemic. The first round of applica-

tions closed on April 3, and six businesses will receive a loan up to \$7,500 with payments deferred for the first six months. “It is more important than ever for the CVB to support our business community and ensure that our favorite restaurants and shops remain open for future visitors and our local community,” CVB Executive Director John

Lightle said.

While the extra \$20,000 is a major boost for Grant County businesses, the Growth Council is still seeking additional funding to ex-

pand the COVID-19 Loan Fund’s capacity, as well as additional equity partners. If you would like to contribute to the COVID-19 Loan Fund, contact a Growth

Council member or donate directly through PayPal at <https://www.grantcounty.com/covid19-loan-fund>.

Eight businesses to receive assistance

Eight Grant County businesses are receiving \$7,500 in financial assistance through the First Round of the Growth Council’s COVID-19 Loan Fund. The funded businesses range from retail to restaurants to professional services; each of these businesses are facing significant financial stress due to forced closure to the public or a decline in product or service demand. Altogether, the First Round of the COVID19 Loan Fund has helped to retain a total of 80 local jobs between the eight businesses. “I cannot even begin to express what this means to all of us right now! I can immediately give my employees some financial assistance and pay

some bills... Thanks again so much, from all of us!” wrote one of the loan fund recipients, an owner of a retail business in Marion. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the Growth Council revamped its revolving loan fund to create the COVID-10 Loan Fund to provide immediate financial assistance to Grant County businesses economically affected by the pandemic. The COVID-19 Loan Fund specifically aims to serve businesses that cannot receive federal funding from the Small Business Association’s (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loans or Paycheck Protection Program. To continue to meet the de-

mands of the Grant County business community, the Growth Council has applied for two federal grants—the US Department of Agriculture’s Rural Business Development Grant and the Office of Community and Rural Affairs’ COVID-19 Rapid Response Grant—to increase the funding capacity of the COVID-19 Loan Fund. Applications for the Second Round of the COVID-19 Loan Fund are due Friday, May 1st, 2020. All Grant County businesses with less than 30 employees are encouraged to apply for this financial assistance. Learn more and apply at <https://www.grantcounty.com/covid-19-loanfund>.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Curved symmetrical structure
5. One’s partner in marriage
11. Male admirer
12. Spend in a period of dormancy
16. Popular Easter meal
17. Doc
18. Bearing a heavy load
19. Gratitude
24. The Mount Rushmore State
25. Driving
26. Girl
27. British thermal unit
28. Makes a mistake
29. A defined length of time
30. Lions do it
31. Large quantities
33. Become less intense
34. Famed peninsula
38. Emerges
39. Rare Hawaiian geese
40. Dance style
43. Drove
44. Measures speed of an engine (abbr.)
45. Yankee hero Bucky
49. Midway between west and northwest
50. Monetary unit of Samoa
51. Makes clothing
53. Spielberg’s alien
54. Agreeable to the taste
56. Injury treatment protocol
58. Cools your house
59. Imaginary line
60. New convert
63. Some do it to their windows
64. Wore away
65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

1. Remove body tissue
2. Harvester
3. Roadside living quarters
4. Excessive self-confidence
5. Lapp
6. Bicycled
7. Entrance to a passage
8. Western U.S. state
9. Grain towers
10. “Westworld” actress ____ Rachel Wood
13. Commercial
14. One who left a will
15. Makes it through
20. Within (prefix)
21. Sea patrol (abbr.)
22. Cigarettes (slang)
23. A doctrine
27. Constrictor snakes
29. Atomic #73
30. Baseball stat
31. Female sibling
32. A soft gray metal (abbr.)
33. Southern constellation
34. Belgian city
35. Go in again
36. In a different, more positive way
37. A place for sleeping
38. Blood type
40. Syrian news agency (abbr.)
41. A salt or ester of acetic acid
42. Millihenry
44. Populous Israeli city ____ Aviv
45. Widen
46. Magical potion
47. Acknowledging
48. Private romantic rendezvous
50. Cavalry sword
51. Terabyte
52. Artificial intelligence
54. Bullfighting maneuver
55. Breezed through
57. Santa says it three times
61. ____ and behold
62. 36 inches (abbr.)

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!



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