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**City of Chandler launches initiative to support Chandler businesses in industries most impacted by COVID-19**



The Chandler City Council has allocated monies received from the Arizona Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (AZCARES) Fund to support Chandler businesses that are keeping employees on payroll as they adjust to revenue losses and business disruptions caused by COVID-19. The “I Choose Chandler Business Hiring and Retention Program” will provide qualifying businesses with \$1,300 per employee retained or hired since Dec. 31, 2019, up to a maximum of \$10,000.

“We are excited to provide some financial relief to small businesses in need,” said Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke. “Chandler businesses are adapting and finding new ways to serve our community, but we know many of them are struggling. Our hope is that this grant program will help Chandler businesses as they navigate these challenging times.”

The Arizona Community Foundation (ACF) is administering the program for the City of Chandler. Starting on August 17, 2020, qualifying businesses will be able to submit applications online through ACF’s website, [azfoundation.org/icc](http://azfoundation.org/icc). Approximately \$9.5 million is available for the program and will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The program prioritizes businesses in industries most impacted by COVID-19, based on unemployment insurance claims and state-ordered restrictions on certain business types.

- Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS Sector 72)
- Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS Sector 62)
- Retail Trade (NAICS Sector 44-45)
- Administrative & Support and Waste Management & Remediation Services (NAICS Sector 56)
- Manufacturing (NAICS Sector 31-33)
- Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (NAICS Sector 71)

[View the full news release for eligibility criteria and additional program details.](#)