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Commerce News

April 1, 2021

It's your turn to be vaccinated

Thank you for all you are doing to provide the goods and services North Dakota needs. We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic has presented numerous challenges, causing you to continually adapt while trying to keep your employees, clients and customers safe. We are eager to support your existing efforts with another effective tool to stop the pandemic—a COVID-19 vaccine. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine gives you and your employees an added layer of protection against COVID-19.

It's your turn to be vaccinated. You and your staff now have access to vaccines to help protect everyone against COVID-19. All COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States have been shown to be safe and highly effective at preventing COVID-19. Vaccination is one of our many important tools to help stop the pandemic.

Some of your workers may be hesitant to get the vaccine. Before they agree to be vaccinated, they will want answers to their questions about the process for developing these

vaccines and information about safety and effectiveness. You can help inform your workers about the vaccines and help them feel confident when they decide to get vaccinated.

The North Dakota Department of Health has a dedicated [website](#) for workplaces and COVID-19 vaccination. This website will help you provide the information your employees need to make an informed decision regarding COVID-19 vaccine and locate where the COVID-19 vaccine is available in your area. Materials on the website include

- [COVID-19 vaccine locator](#)
- Customizable letter template to email to employees
- Customizable newsletter article
- Employer best practices
- FAQ
- Brief educational webinar
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Business Information Survey](#): Sign up to indicate interest or for additional information about COVID-19 vaccines.

Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a [COVID-19 Vaccine Communication Toolkit](#) for essential workers to help you provide information about COVID-19 vaccines to your employees that is clear, consistent and credible.

You've kept North Dakota's economy running through one of the most challenging times in our history. The responsibility

is ours, as a community, to help stop this virus. Now we have a safe and effective tool to help us do that: COVID-19 vaccines.

It takes everyone. We all need to step up to beat COVID-19. We ask you to join us in protecting your community by getting vaccinated.



Tourism-Marketing

Shuttered venues getting relief through
American Rescue Plan

Shuttered Venue Operators Grant



Accepting applications starting on April 8

sba.gov/svogrant



The recently-passed American Rescue Plan will provide needed financial relief to businesses impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

The new law provides more than \$28 billion in [relief to restaurants and bars](#) through the Restaurant Revitalization Fund and \$16 billion in grants to venues shuttered during the pandemic through the [Shuttered Venues Operators Grant](#) (SVOG). The SVOG program will begin accepting applications on April 8 and venues are encouraged to begin preparing now to apply. [Click here for application details.](#)


Those eligible for SVOG funding include live venue operators or promoters, theatrical producers, live performing arts organization operators, relevant museum operators, zoos and aquariums meeting specific criteria, motion picture theater operators and talent representatives.

Click the video below to view a webinar provided by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

PowerPoint Slide Show - REVISED-SVOG Grant Information Session 24 Mar 2021 v1 - PowerPoint

Supplemental Funding

- Available after all priority periods have passed
- Recipients of first, second, or third priority round awards who suffered a 70% or greater revenue loss for the most recent calendar quarter (April 1, 2021 or later)
- Information will be posted at a later date



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Community Services

2021 Annual Action Plan opens today for public review

The 2021 Annual Action Plan serves as the state's grant application to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME, National Housing Trust Fund, and Emergency Solutions Grants programs. The action plan describes how the funds from each program will be distributed during the 2021 program year, which is scheduled to begin July 1, 2021. Funds are expected to be received on or about July 1, 2021. [Read more here.](#)

[Click here to access the plan](#)

Wellspring Hydro's Bakken brine solution getting closer with help of the North Dakota Development Fund

Wellspring Hydro is turning a problem into an opportunity by developing a process that recycles Bakken saltwater and turns it into a brine solution for other products. Read more [here](#).

Learn more about the North Dakota Development Fund

Click here for the 2020 NDDF report

Grand Forks artist Don Miller creates a waffle mix for the masses

With a grant from our Innovate ND program, advice from U.S. Small Business Administration, and the innovation of an entrepreneur, everyday consumers can now enjoy artisan waffles in less than five minutes. Read more [here](#).

Learn more about Innovate ND

Services and Assistance

Commerce provides nearly 50 programs and services to support business, workforce and community development in partnership with local leaders. Our latest addition to our services is the quarterly report on the North Dakota Real Gross Domestic Product. [Click here to access the report.](#)

More services and programs



In the News



[KX News Town Hall: COVID-19, one year later](#)



[American Rescue Plan Act provides aid for hospitality businesses](#)



[Pandemic dings North Dakota tourism, but website traffic hints at potential future travel](#)



[Fargo park officer moves to city police department with grants from Commerce and Cass County Electric Cooperative](#)

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