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City of Everett launches a second round of the Everett Forward grant program

EVERETT, Wash. – The City of Everett has launched the second round of the Everett Forward Grant Program, which offers one-time grants to eligible applicants with innovative ideas and solutions to move Everett’s economy forward.

“Our community is still feeling the impacts of the pandemic and so it’s more important than ever to offer innovative funding opportunities like the Everett Forward grant program,” said Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin. “I look forward to seeing how these creative and impactful projects play a role in improving quality of life for our residents and encouraging visitors to come see what Everett has to offer.”

Eligible organizations can apply for grants of \$5,000 or more to fund projects that support economic recovery from the pandemic. Funds are available for businesses, nonprofits, community organizations and individual sole proprietors. The program will allocate \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds.

Round one of the program provided funding to over 50 projects across the city. This included improvements to storefronts, help for local early childhood education providers and support for arts and cultural programs and special events.

“Round one was hugely successful in addressing the diverse needs across Everett. We want to use this next opportunity to further build up Everett’s economy, vibe and amenities, so they’re better than before the pandemic,” said Dan Eernisse, City of Everett Economic Development director.

The program and application process are designed to be simple and accessible for many different types of organizations. Application materials are available in English and Spanish, and the City of Everett offers translation services for other languages.

Grant applications will remain open until 11:59 p.m. PST on February 28, 2023, and late applications will not be accepted. Awards will be announced in late March 2023. Visit everettwa.gov/forwardgrant to learn more and apply.

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