

## BISHOP ROTARY CLUBS SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES APPLY NOW - DEADLINE IS AUGUST 28th

The Bishop Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce a second local grant program to benefit businesses that have been significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Bishop Rotary Clubs and their many generous donors, more than \$7,000 will be awarded via micro-grants of \$500 to \$2,000 each.

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## **INYO County REVIVE Grant Program**

On August 18, 2020, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors approved the creation of the REVIVE Program, providing grant assistance to small, independently owned, businesses located in Inyo County to aid in maintaining their business and workforce, thereby restoring vital and valuable Inyo County commerce. The REVIVE Program will be led by Assistant CAO, Leslie Chapman. Inyo County will convene a Grant Administration Committee, which will provide grants up to \$25,000 each to qualifying Inyo County businesses. Grants will be funded no later than November 6, 2020. These funds must solely be used for expenditures incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020 and fall under one or more of the following categories:

- Payroll
- Operating Expenses
- Business telework equipment costs
- Inventory Acquisition (inventory needed to reopen or maintain open status)
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) purchase
- Facility Readiness (social distancing preparedness, business modifications, etc.)

Priority will be given to those small businesses who did not receive PPP, PPE, or funds from another source. If you did receive funding, you may still apply with the understanding that first considerations will be given to those who did not receive separate funds.