

LENOWISCO REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

With funding from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, the City of Norton and Counties of Lee, Scott, and Wise have jointly established a regional grant fund (LRSBRA) to support the district's small and non-profit businesses in their recovery efforts following the COVID-19 outbreak.

One-time grants of up to \$15,000 are available to businesses in the district to help offset negative business impacts during the pandemic.

These funds are available for rent or mortgage assistance, with a business eligible for up to six months' rent or mortgage relief.

State eligibility guidelines include that a business must have been operational prior to March 2020, and have fewer than 20 (FTE) employees. To apply for these funds, an applicant will need to provide documentation of either a mortgage (copy of a bank note, etc.) or rental arrangement (copy of a lease, or, if no formal lease is in place, a brief statement from the landlord), plus evidence of six months' payments (such as receipts or cancelled checks), which can date back to April 2020.

This is **grant funding**. Small businesses and non-profits that could benefit from this assistance are **strongly** encouraged to submit a grant proposal.

An application form is available from the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission. Please contact Mr. Frank Kibler at LENOWISCO, at (276) 431-2206 or at fkibler@lenowisco.org with questions or for a copy of the grant application.