

CARES Act Funds Available

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Project Funds Available to Washington Based Manufacturers

MANUFACTURER PROJECT RECOVERY ASSISTANCE

Funding will open again on April 1.

[Impact Washington](#), the Washington State MEP Center, is inviting Washington-based US Small-and medium-sized manufacturers (SME's) to apply for CARES Act Recovery Assistance funds. These funds provide services that directly support a manufacturer's ability to recover from the coronavirus.

Since March, Impact Washington has mobilized its Manufacturing Network to respond to Washington manufacturers' needs through the COVID-19 pandemic. As Washington's trusted resource for the manufacturing industry, we are committed to assisting small and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs) across the State. Impact Washington is here to help with technical assistance, training, and consulting services to help manufacturers survive, restart, and prosper beyond today's challenges.

The available funds are awarded through the Emergency Appropriations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency Operations as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Through a formal Request for Applications, Impact Washington applied to the [NIST MEP Emergency Assistance Program](#) for a portion of the nearly \$50 million allocated.

PROJECT ASSISTANCE PROCESS

Funds Available

- Funds available for use again, beginning 4/1/21 and ending 9/24/21.
- Prior COVID-19 Business Assessment completed, or completion of new Business Evaluation required. (Request your Business Evaluation [here](#))
- Funding on a 50%-50% match basis up to \$4000 (max \$8000 project at 50-50, projects can be larger, but grant portion capped at \$4000).

Types of Projects

We work with you to craft a Recovery Plan tailored to fit your most immediate needs. The Manufacturing Recovery Assistance Program is available to support investments in a wide range of manufacturing activities. Some project areas could include:

- A Lean Kaizen to improve a process affected by staffing or business changes due to COVID-19.
- Workplace safety and food safety gap analyses – or have a consultant assist with improving an existing program.
- Get internal audit support for growth strategies like implementing/maintaining ISO 9001, AS9100, ISO14001, or SQF.
- Improve your supervisory and workforce skills with a Training Within Industry (TWI) project.
- Complete an automation assessment to prioritize and plan for advanced technology investments.
- Train your team on Lean, KATA, Problem Solving, or root cause analysis skills.
- Develop marketing or sales plans to support your strategic goals.

Analyzing the Impact

Impact Washington will walk you through a no-cost Business Recovery Assessment to identify what factors are the greatest threats to your business operations. It could be anything from a financial, workforce, or supply chain impact. We considered each area separately to understand the business impact and restore your operations. The business assessment will help you to:

- Discover insights into where your team is or isn't aligned
- Provide operational prioritization of areas to focus your resources
- Provide a foundation to a Recovery Plan

Manufacturing Sectors/Areas Covered

Applicants include manufacturers, producers, and value-add processors in agriculture, food and beverage, seafood processing, aerospace products and parts, wood and paper products, chemical manufacturing, pharmaceutical, medicine manufacturing, maritime, clean technology more. If you are unsure if your organization qualifies, please reach out, and we will work with you to determine your classification.

Eligibility

There are specific requirements for recipients of the Impact Washington Recovery Assistance Funds. We will work closely with you to determine whether you are eligible to receive funds. In addition to reviewing organizational eligibility, Impact Washington may consider other factors relating to the applicant's ability to responsibly use funds as outlined by the CARES Act and to carry out the project.

The opportunity to attain support will remain open until funding is no longer available. The amount of funding available to each manufacturer depends on its size and project scope.

Application Process

There is no formal application process— your facility's inquiry into getting receiving project funding starts with a no-cost Recovery Assessment. Begin your assessment today!

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