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Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant Explanation

The federal government's response to the coronavirus pandemic was to create and fund the **Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act**, also known as the CARES Act. The CARES Act established a \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund which was to be used to assist state and local governments impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of the funding, the federal Treasury sent money to the State of Texas. The federal money was passed down to the cities and counties of Texas. Shackelford County was awarded a portion of the funds based on a population of 1,032 living in the County rather than in the Cities of Albany and Moran. Each of the cities in the County received funds according to their estimated Census Bureau populations. Under the rules established by the State, only 25% of those funds can be used for economic development.

The City of Albany used funds earlier in the year to support the small businesses within the city limits. Shackelford County would like to offer the same help to the small businesses located outside of the city limits of Albany and Moran with the limited funds available. The County will use their funds to assist small businesses with 10 or fewer employees which were negatively affected by the coronavirus pandemic. This would include those businesses which had to close, lay off employees, limit operations, or show a negative effect in other ways.

Those businesses which fit the criteria outlined may obtain a Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant Application from the Shackelford County webpage shackelfordcounty.org or from the County Judge's office in the Shackelford County Courthouse.

Completed applications may be dropped off at the Office of the County Judge in the Courthouse or mailed to Judge Robert Skelton, P.O. Box 2797, Albany, TX 76430.

The application submission deadline will be 4 o'clock on Friday November 6. After the deadline an oversight committee, consisting of representatives of the Commissioner's Court, will evaluate the requests and make decisions on the distribution of the limited funds.