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**The Shawnee Economic Recovery Assistance (SERA) Grant Program
is Opening a Second Round of Funding**
*Community Capital Fund (CCF) of Kansas City, MO will be
administering the grant for the city*

February 7th, 2022 Shawnee, Kansas – [The City of Shawnee, Kansas](#) is announcing a second round of funding through the [Shawnee Economic Recovery Assistance \(SERA\)](#) Grant Program today. The program provides a one-time \$5,000 grant to assist with the cost of rent or mortgage payments to offset the loss of revenue due to capital and payroll expenses, low demand, supply chain disruptions, personnel and other challenges associated with the ongoing economic effects of the pandemic. The grant funds can be used to pay up to three months of commercial rent, lease, or mortgage payments.

[Community Capital Fund](#) (CCF), of Kansas City, MO, will administer the grant fund and provide application assistance through a series of in-person office hours hosted at the Shawnee Civic Centre at 13817 Johnson Drive, Shawnee, KS 66216 in February and March. The application period opens on February 14th, 2022 and will close on March 25th, 2022 with awards announcements being made on May 16th, 2022.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to help our local businesses as they continue to battle ongoing challenges from the pandemic. Our businesses are the backbone of our community, so I am happy to support them in every way possible." Mayor Michelle Distler

The purpose of the SERA Grant Program is to provide financial relief to Shawnee small businesses directly and negatively impacted the COVID-19 pandemic. The individual grants will be funded through the \$112,000 awarded to Shawnee, Kansas from the [Community Development Block Grant](#) through the Federal [Housing and Urban Development](#) department. Funds may not be used to pay arrearages or amounts past due for rent, lease, or mortgage or late fees or penalties. Monies will be paid directly to the rent, lease, or mortgage holder on behalf of the eligible business. Repayment is not required if all reporting requirements and other conditions are met.

This is the second round of the SERA program. Round one closed on August 23, 2020 and was open to restaurants, bars, short-term lodging and other nonessential businesses impacted by the State of Kansas Stay-at-Home orders ([E.O.-20-16](#) and [E.O.-20-24](#)). For additional information on round two's eligibility and application guidelines visit www.ccfkansascity.org/sera.

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