

All Industry Update

Tuesday, December 1

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All Business Group – Tuesdays at 9:00 am

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1. Agenda

1. Community resources for reducing Toxic Stress and mental health support. Kari Commerford and Lana Athey will present on the resources available to business owners, employees, and the community at large.

2. Update on the State Legislature Special Session.

3. Update on testing numbers and public health

Various organizations in the Gunnison Valley are providing resources to people of all ages to help combat the additional stress and challenges of the pandemic. Gunnison County staff will share these resources with our business community so that all know where they are and how to access them.

Additional Business Updates & Resources

Rural Relief Small Business Grants

LISC and Lowe's continue to partner on the Rural Relief Small Business Grants. **The next round of applications will be open November 26 – December 2, 2020.** More information can be found [here](#).

This is a continuing grant cycle for small businesses in rural communities (under 50,000 people). Grants range from \$5,000-\$20,000 and can be used for rent and utilities, meeting payroll, paying outstanding debt to vendors, and other immediate operational costs.

Greenline Emergency Microloan Program

Greenline Ventures seeks to provide funding to small businesses throughout the Western Slope of Colorado to help deal with adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses must be in the Western Slope of Colorado (with an emphasis for businesses based in Grand Junction) and have fewer than 50 employees. Must be able to show adverse impact from the pandemic. The Microloan Program provides loans on the following terms:

Loan Amount: Loans are available for \$10,000 up to \$50,000 **Interest / Amortization:** No interest or principal payments for the first six months, followed by 54 months of level principal and interest payments at a 2% interest rate **Maturity:** 60 months / 5 years **Fees:** There are no fees (application, origination, exit) or prepayment penalties **Collateral:** No collateral requirements.

More information can be found [here](#).

Public Health Updates

As of 11/27 in the last two weeks (since 11/13) we have seen 61 positive tests in our community. As of 11/25 the positivity of testing sits at 10.29% which is high, but slightly declining.

There have been 213 positives since November 1st, that is over 40% of our total positive cases throughout this pandemic. We would like to give a shout out to the Public Health Nurses, GVH Lab and teams who have made this possible. We are an outlier in the State in that we continue to contact trace 100% of our cases. This is through the incredible work from this group of people.

We can all make a difference in containing the spread.

For more information about test data, visit Gunnison County's [Test Data webpage](#) and [Dashboard webpage](#).