

ECONOMIC RESILIENCY GRANT (ERG)

The North Dakota Department of Commerce's **Economic Resiliency Grant (ERG)** Program has been created to help restore consumer confidence in the marketplace while reducing the spread of COVID-19. **The ERG is a grant – not a loan.**

North Dakota businesses can apply for **grant funding up to \$50,000** (up to \$100,000 for businesses with more than one location) for investments with the purpose of reducing the spread of COVID-19. Grant funds must be used for **DIRECT** investments, such as:

- Investments that reduce repetitive touch, such as:
 - » Touchless payment systems or document signing systems
 - » Automatic faucets, toilets and door kicks
 - » Technology to manage take-out, or drive-through orders
 - » Improvements that create distance between customers or employees
 - » Expanded outdoor dining
 - » Partitions between workers who cannot be socially distanced
- Purchases of items that directly controls infection, such as:
 - » PPE
 - » UV sanitizers
 - » Temperature checking equipment

To be eligible, businesses must:

- have a permanent physical location in North Dakota
- have been financially viable before the coronavirus pandemic
- have experienced negative financial impact due to the coronavirus pandemic
- show how the grant will improve the business' COVID-19 resiliency and restore consumer confidence
- be in good standing with the ND Secretary of State or applicable tribal government
- have made the investment in qualifying improvements on or after March 27, 2020 or use the money to make qualifying improvements within 45 days of receiving the grant or prior to December 29, 2020, whichever comes first
- use the grant money **ONLY** for approved expenses as listed on the grant application
- return any unused grant funds to the state.

Applications open July 31, 2020.

Applications will be processed on a first-come, first served-basis. Funding will be approved if the application meets all criteria and if funding is still available. Applications audited for accuracy. False information subject to legal action. The application and additional information, including educational sessions will be available shortly at: <http://belegendary.link/ERG>.