Good Afternoon,

This morning Small Business Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria announced that applications for the *New* **Ontario Small Business Support Grant** are now open. This vital program will provide eligible businesses a one-time grant in much needed support to help get them through these challenging times.

In the announcement, Small Business Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria said that the government will provide a minimum of \$10,000 and up to \$20,000 to eligible small businesses facing challenges due to the necessary Provincewide Shutdown. This grant allows flexibility for small business owners so that they can spend it however makes the most sense for their businesses (e.g., paying rent, paying employee wages, maintaining inventory, etc.).

Businesses can apply at: www.ontario.ca/COVIDSupport

We encourage all to promote and share information on this program to help Ontario's small businesses.

Small Business Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria also encourages all small businesses to visit Ontario's One-Window Small Business Portal which lists all available supports for small businesses struggling with COVID-19 at <u>www.ontario.ca/smallbusiness</u>

Please feel free to tag Minister Sarkaria, with a link to his social media channels attached:

Twitter: https://twitter.com/PrabSarkaria/status/1350106123584626688 Facebook: https://fb.watch/31uAZwmL_T/ LinkedIn: https://fb.watch/31uAZwmL_T/ 6755873389145145344-BrXs

We have also attached graphics for you to share: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kxad0eqa7wdjqfv/AAAsxj1oIR40TyRD6fgA8ae1a?dl=0

Please find attached the documents regarding Ontario Small Business Support Grant and user application guide.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact David Ruiz, Director of Policy & Legislative Affairs at <u>david.ruiz2@ontario.ca</u>.

Regards,

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