

GTWorks is Mayor David R. Mayer's weekly newsletter that informs residents of the current projects and events happening in Gloucester Township.

From Police Department to Public Works to Department of Recreation, we want you to stay In the Know of the latest news in our community!

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Safely discard unneeded and expired medications at GTPD's Prescription Drop-Off Box

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP ANNOUNCES SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Township of Gloucester has appropriated \$425,000 of its federal Community Development Block Grant CARES Funds (CDBG-CV) for the COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Program. The program is being established to provide working capital funds to the community's small businesses that have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are excited to announce a new small business assistance program available to Gloucester Township businesses to relieve them of some of the burden brought on to them by the current health crisis. The Covid-19 Small Business Assistance program will offer extra funding to our hard-working small businesses that are so very fundamental to our community. I am thrilled to introduce this new initiative and let our local small business owners know that Gloucester Township is committed to supporting them and their operations," said Mayor David R. Mayer.

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PROGRAM OBJECTIVES: The Gloucester Township Small Business Assistance Program has been established to provide working capital funds to community businesses economically impacted by the COVID-19 virus. The program component makes funds available for 120 days of verifiable working capital up to a grant ceiling of \$5,000. CDBG Small Business Assistance funds may be used to assist Gloucester Township retail, restaurants, entertainment, and non-professional service businesses with no more than 10 employees (full time equivalent positions) that were in business as of December 31, 2019. To be eligible, the business must have one employee, which can be the business owner, who will be retained and meets the low/moderate income requirement; or the business is located in an eligible program area. Benefiting businesses should have solid commitments to remain open or reopen, and retain or re-employ at least one permanent job. Businesses deemed ineligible by the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development will not be eligible. Businesses must enter into a financial assistance agreement, referred to as the "Participation Agreement," at agreed upon terms with the Township.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES The business may use funds for working capital expenses. Eligible expenses include payroll, rent/mortgage, utilities such as Internet or electricity, advertising/marketing, insurance and/or cost to comply with the State of New Jersey and any local social distancing policies. Specifically excluded from eligible expenses are public utility payments and taxes (unless they are in escrow and included in a regular mortgage payment).

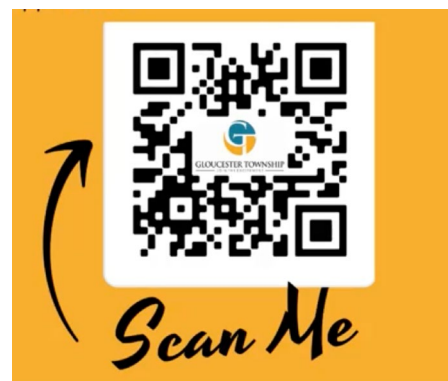
REQUIREMENTS, DISCLAIMERS, FEDERAL COMPLIANCE AREAS The following requirements apply to all applications submitted for consideration under the CDBG-CV Program.

- The Business must be located within Gloucester Township.
- The grant funds may be used to pay eligible expenses for a 120-day period.
- Applicant must provide list of expenses to be paid with grant application and backup documentation.
- All grants must meet the CDBG National Objective of Low/Mod Income Benefit for the participating business. The business must document that it will retain at least one permanent job held by a low- and moderate-income person and that the jobs would be lost without the CDBG assistance. The business must document the income of the low- and moderate-income person through a certification by the business owner that the job is held by a low-moderate income person (based on a one-person household) or the business can presume that the job is held by a low- and moderate-income person if 1) the employee resides in a qualified low-income area or 2) the business is located in a qualified low-income area. Applicant must provide list of employees and their salaries.
- Applicant must certify that they will remain open or reopen if grant funds are received. If the applicant does not remain open or reopen, the grant funds must be returned.
- Applicant will be required to complete a grant application and sign a Participation Grant agreement.
- Funds are available to all eligible businesses meeting program requirements until all funds are distributed. The Township reserves the right to reject applications that it deems do not meet the criteria of the program.

APPLICATION NARRATIVE RESPONSES and INCLUSIONS All applications must include the following narrative responses and requested documentation:

- **Gloucester Township-CDBG-CV Grant Application** – The Grant Application must be completed by the business.
- **Budget** Benefiting businesses should complete the Budget application (see Application Forms).
- **Project Summary** – The benefiting business must provide a summary of their present situation. This should include a brief description of the business, e.g., type of firm, its product or service, and how long they have been in business. Describe how the CDBG funds will be used and reasons why they are needed for the business to be in a position to retain jobs. Explain how COVID-19 has adversely impacted business revenue. Identify specific needs.
- **Employment Documentation** (form is found in the Application Forms section) A listing of all employees as of January 1, 2020, employees hired since then, and their status, must be completed by the benefiting business.
- **Business Certifications** signed by the benefiting business's authorized signatory.
- **A Participation Agreement** between Gloucester Township and the business that will receive funding.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND PRE-APPLICATION FORM, PLEASE VISIT
<https://glotwp.com/cdbg/>



GTPD HOSTS TRAINING FOR

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST DRUGS INITIATIVE

Gloucester Township Police hosted their training for Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.) and Violence to prepare Police Officers to become L.E.A.D. Instructors for their departments.

L.E.A.D. is a non profit (501C3) organization, supported by dedicated police officers, committed to protecting our youth and communities from the proliferation of drugs, drug related crimes, peer to peer/cyber bullying and violence

GTPD Retired Cpl. Bob Engle (pictured below with a blue shirt) is a Certified Training Leader in the organization and was assisting in the training of the officers.



March Preschool Packets
Are Now Available for Download!



The Gloucester Twp. Recreation Dept. Preschool Program has been operating for over 25 years! Their goal is to provide Gloucester Township and the surrounding communities with an affordable, professionally-run program to help preschoolers with socialization skills, beginning their independence and helping them prepare for their grade school years.

[DOWNLOAD MARCH PACKETS HERE](#)

Gloucester Township Police Employee Spotlight:

Deputy Chief **Anthony Minosse**

Deputy Chief Anthony Minosse is a lifelong Gloucester Township resident. He attended Chews Elementary School, Glen Landing Middle School and graduated from Triton Regional High in 1989. He attended and graduated Rowan University in 1995. In 1990 he joined the Chews Landing Fire Department and served as a volunteer firefighter for several years.

Deputy Chief Minosse was hired by the Gloucester Township Police Department in 1995. He attended the Camden County College Police Academy Class 26 and served as a Class Leader. Early in his career as a Patrolman he served as a Field Training Officer and Shift Investigator. In 1999 he became a member of the GTPD Special Response Team and was appointed as the Team Commander in 2010. He has served as a Sergeant and Lieutenant in the Patrol Bureau and got promoted to Captain in 2010. During his time as Captain he served as Operations Division Commander, Support Services Division Commander, and Community Services Division Commander. He was promoted to Deputy Chief in October of 2019 and now serves as the Staff Commander for Gloucester Township Police in which he assists the Chief of Police in the overall operations of the Department.

Deputy Chief Minosse holds numerous instructor certifications and has taught various courses at the Department and at Camden County College Police Academy. In 2014 Deputy Chief Minosse attended the 257th Session of the FBI National Academy-Quantico in Virginia.

Deputy Chief Minosse values his leadership growth and his opportunities with the Gloucester Township Police as he looks forward to working with dedicated personnel for many more years along with the amazing community of Gloucester Township, New Jersey that he takes pride in protecting.



Dispose of your old, unwanted prescription drugs at Gloucester Township Police Headquarters!

Please take the time to collect all of your unwanted prescription drugs from medicine cabinets, kitchen drawers, and nightstands. Stop by the Gloucester Township Police Department anytime and place them into Project Medicine Drop box located at GTPD Watch Desk.

Reminder- liquids or syringes ARE NOT accepted. Thank you!



Gloucester Township Police Advisory:



Never park in a space reserved for people with disabilities unless you have a disability ID Card and identifying placard/plates. It's the courteous thing to do, and IT'S THE LAW. Do not park in the striped access aisles next to spaces reserved for people with disabilities, even if you have a permit or plates. The access aisles provide room for wheelchair users to transfer safely to and from their vehicles.

Thank you!

Gloucester Township Police

Let's Keep In Touch!

As your Mayor, I'm eager to hear from you should you have questions or concerns; so please do not hesitate to call my office at (856) 374-3514 or email me at dmayer@glotwp.com

I'd like to thank you for choosing our beautiful Gloucester Township your residence and for making our community a great place to live, work and play!

Sincerely,



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