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## **Mountain View Community Receives Funds from Google for COVID Relief Efforts**

*(Mountain View, Calif)* – As part of the #TogetherMV initiative to help City of Mountain View residents and businesses, Google has pledged a \$400,000 grant towards providing relief for small businesses in Mountain View who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are a part of Google’s \$1 million commitment to local organizations in light of the cancellation of its annual developer’s conference, Google I/O.

“I want to thank Google for stepping up and offering help to their hometown during this crisis and contributing \$1.2 million to various Mountain View organizations,” said Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga. “The demand for local help has been high and especially hard on smaller businesses after the shelter-in-place order went into effect. Google has really embraced the #TogetherMV spirit, and we hope to see more of our major companies joining with them to help those in need.”

“It’s vital that we come together as a community during this unprecedented situation,” stated Javier González, Google’s Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager. “In addition to providing relief for Mountain View’s small businesses, this means continued funding for things like STEM education and supporting organizations working with our unhoused neighbors.”

Google’s grant will be combined with the City’s \$400,000 small business relief funds that the City Council approved on March 27 during their emergency meeting. #TogetherMV, which will be a donation portal for relief efforts to help all local residents and businesses impacted by COVID-19 related hardships including small business relief efforts, will be administered through Los Altos Community Foundation.

The #TogetherMV small business relief effort is one of several regional, state and federal resources quickly launching to help small businesses survive the crisis. Businesses are encouraged to apply for any and all resources available to them, including the low-interest Small Business Association disaster loan through federal funding (currently taking applications through June 30, 2020). The City has compiled a list of resources currently available for employers and employees on their COVID-19 Business Resources page at [MountainView.gov/MVBusinessCV19](https://MountainView.gov/MVBusinessCV19).

In addition to small business relief, the #TogetherMV Fund is a partnership between the City of Mountain View and Los Altos Community Foundation to raise and distribute donations to Mountain View community members who have been economically burdened by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes families that have lost wages from reduced work hours and layoffs, small businesses that have been unable to remain open, seniors in need, and our unstably housed neighbors who face heightened health risks from community spread of COVID-19. The #TogetherMV fund will support rent relief programs, small business assistance, help for seniors and enhanced services to our unstably housed neighbors.

More details of the Council Actions and other resources are available at [MountainView.gov/TogetherMV](https://MountainView.gov/TogetherMV).

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