



HELPING MICHIGAN WORKERS AND JOB PROVIDERS WITH 'AFFLICTED BUSINESS 2.0'

Many Michigan businesses – and the people who work for them – continue to struggle because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Problems that began with the Whitmer administration's economic shutdown orders persist with inflation, staffing and supply shortages, and altered customer behavior caused by the virus. Our plan will help restaurants, movie theaters, fitness centers and many other businesses survive and thrive – while also helping occupational license holders such as health care and skilled trades workers. This \$184.6 million plan funding through federal COVID relief resources builds upon previous afflicted business relief approved by the Legislature, most recently signed into law in December 2021.

Reviving restaurants

Closings mandated earlier in the pandemic have been replaced with reduced hours caused by staffing shortages. Our plan helps restaurants pay their bills and support employees.

- **\$9 million** to waive or prorate liquor license fees for restaurants, hotels, bars and others unable to operate for parts of the pandemic
- **\$5 million** to refund fees charged to food establishments that were shut down
- **\$10 million** to help train and certify servers in establishments serving alcoholic beverages

License and fee relief

People shouldn't be forced to pay full price for state occupational licenses they weren't allowed to use for much of the pandemic.

- **\$8.9 million** to offset the cost of state-required licenses for health care workers who were forced out of work during the pandemic
- **\$17.7 million** for license fee reimbursement for accountants, architects, engineers, barbers and cosmetologists, real estate, landscapers and others
- **\$1.5 million** for license fee reimbursement related to construction workers, electricians, plumbers and other skilled trades workers

Supporting tourism and entertainment

A key segment of Michigan's economy has been hurt by inflation, labor shortages, changing customer behavior and a persistent virus. Our plan will benefit tourism in communities across the state.

- **\$30 million** in grants distributed through local convention and visitor bureaus across Michigan
- **\$18 million** for movie theater grants equal to \$15,000 per screen
- **\$6.5 million** in additional support for the Michigan Stages Survival Grant Program assisting live music and entertainment venues

Helping health and fitness centers

An estimated 30 percent of fitness centers permanently closed during the pandemic, and help is needed to prevent more closures.

- **\$53 million** for hardship grants capped at \$250,000 per business.

Community redevelopment

Small businesses hammered by the pandemic need access to more capital to make ends meet and thrive.

- **\$25 million** for community development financial institutions to assist revitalization.