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**A Collaboration Between the City of Corpus Christi, the Port of Corpus Christi, and the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Foundation to Jumpstart Small Businesses Affected by the COVID-19 Shutdown**

**WHAT:** Press conference to announce the City of Corpus Christi, the Port of Corpus Christi, and the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Foundation have joined forces to distribute the Small Business Regional Pandemic Grant Program.

The Small Business Regional Pandemic Recovery Grant Program will support businesses experiencing hardship due to COVID-19. Approved applicants will receive \$500 for working capital expenses, expenses of debt and workforce needs. Approved applicants within the City of Corpus Christi limits will receive an additional \$500 credit on their city utility bill. The goal of the grant is to alleviate the effects of the pandemic on small businesses (businesses with up to 20 employees) in Corpus Christi, Nueces County and San Patricio County. Businesses will be required to remain open for at least 90 days after the award is granted.

**SAFETY:** This is not a public meeting. Masks are required for the entire building. A person's temperature will be taken upon entry into City Hall. Only one media representative (can be reporter and camera operator) per media outlet.

**WHO:** The [City of Corpus Christi](#), The [Port of Corpus Christi](#), and the [United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce Foundation](#)

**WHERE:** Corpus Christi City Hall, City Council Chambers, 1201 Leopard St, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

**WHEN:** Wednesday July 8, 2020, 1:00 PM

**WATCH LIVE:** Facebook: [@citygov](#) YouTube: [CCTVCorpusChristi](#)

**About the City of Corpus Christi**

The City of Corpus Christi is the eighth largest city in the State of Texas and the largest city on the Texas Gulf Coast with a population of 326,554 in 2019 as per the United States Census Bureau. The geographic location of the city on the Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway gives it one of the most strategic locations in the Southwest and has been important to its economic development. The Corpus Christi region has a varied manufacturing and industrial base. Major industries with headquarters or divisions located within the City's boundaries, or in close proximity, include industrial, petrochemical, construction, banking, and financial services. [www.cctexas.com](http://www.cctexas.com)

**About The Port of Corpus Christi**

As a leader in U.S. Crude Oil export ports and a major economic engine of Texas and the nation, Port Corpus Christi is the 3rd largest port in the United States in total revenue tonnage. Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico with a 36-mile, soon to be 54-foot (MLLW) deep channel, Port Corpus Christi is a major gateway to international and domestic maritime commerce. The Port has excellent railroad and highway network connectivity via three North American Class-1 railroads and two major interstate highways. With an outstanding staff overseen by its seven-member commission, Port Corpus Christi is "Moving America's Energy." <https://www.portofcc.com/>

**About the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce**

The United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce is a 1500-member organization representing business in the Coastal Bend region of South Texas. Our members and volunteers represent a cross-section of all types and sizes of business in our community. The mission of the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce is to be "the premier organization working to advance economic prosperity for all business while preserving the region's diverse cultures." For more information on the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce, please visit [unitedccchamber.com](http://unitedccchamber.com) or call (361) 881-1800.