

Business First Contract Renewal Survey

As we begin the BusinessFirst! contract renewal process, it's important to discover what you, our members, want to see that will assist in the ongoing process of program improvement. Your feedback has been a critical part of BusinessFirst! for the last 20 years and it will continue to be the foundation of the program. A short survey was emailed to you on June 22, 2020 and again on July 20, 2020. The survey was designed to obtain responses which will help us to continue to offer the quality and value you've come to expect from BusinessFirst! Check your spam for an email from applinm@mcoho.org to complete the survey online. Or, contact Mary Applin at applinm@mcoho.org or (937) 224-3848 to get the survey emailed to you or participate in the survey by phone. We look forward to your opinions!

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By leveraging the University of Dayton Center for Leadership's professional development suite of programs, you can equip your employees with the necessary tools to stay motivated and productive while continuing to drive your training and development strategy.



Utilize our professional development programs, either virtually or in-person/on-campus, to give your employees personal and meaningful development for the confidence needed to be successful at the next level and beyond.

Upcoming Classes

August 26 - Leveraging the Cross-Generational Workforce

August 27 - Coaching and Evaluating Performance

September 2 - Emotional Intelligence: Becoming More Effective in Reaching Others

September 3 - Navigating Unwritten Rules of the Workplace

September 8 - Going from Peer to Supervisor

September 10 - Effective Decision Making

For a complete schedule and course descriptions, visit: **[Professional Development](#)**

Contact April Mescher at 937-229-2664 or amescher1@udayton.edu to take advantage of these individualized programs.



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Funding Available



Application Deadline August 31st

A new round of funding is available for TechCred. Employers can be reimbursed up to \$2,000 for each current or incoming employee and up to \$30,000 in total per round of funding. Company's have up to 18 months to attend after approval. The list of qualified programs has been updated. [View the updated list.](#)

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Allied Automation is supporting companies leveraging the TechCred program by providing Universal Robot Core and Advanced Training courses which are available through this 100% reimbursable program.

Companies do NOT need to have a Universal Robot to go thru training. This can be a pre-sale educational opportunity for employees. For questions about the program email info@allied-automation.com or call 800-214-0322.

Find Course Dates and Locations



Application Deadline August 28th

Preble County is offering Small Business Relief Grants. The application deadline is August 28th.

Small businesses needing relief from COVID-19-related expenses can now apply for grant funding through the Preble County Small Business Relief Program. Grants of \$1,000-10,000 are available to small businesses in the county affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Eligible small businesses can apply for up to \$10,000 in grant funds to be used for the reimbursement of eligible expenses. The program is being funded with money Preble County

received through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act — a \$2 trillion economic stimulus bill Congress passed in March.

To be eligible for grant funding, businesses must have 50 or fewer employees or 1099 workers as of March 22, 2020; must have less than \$1 million in gross revenue/receipts on an annual basis and must have experienced a decrease in gross revenue of 35 percent or more compared to March 1-April 30, 2019 revenue, due to COVID-19.

To receive funding, a business also must be an entity in Preble County which has been in operation since at least January 2019.

Ineligible businesses include banks, savings and loans or credit unions; e-commerce-only companies, liquor/wine stores, vaping stores, tobacco stores and cannabis dispensaries.

Eligible expenses include mortgage costs, rent or lease costs, utility expenses, salaries, wages or compensation paid to employees or 1099 workers; materials and supplies related to interruption of the business caused by required closures and personal protective equipment or other COVID-19 related costs.

Ineligible expenses include cost of vehicles or equipment leased or purchased after March 23, except if the purchase of equipment is to comply with Responsible RestartOhio; mortgage, rent or lease costs for businesses located or operated out of a personal residence; personal, non-business expenses of businesses or their owners; new construction costs not related to COVID-19, and any tax, license or fee obligations payable to any governmental entity.

Applications will be accepted through 4 p.m., **Friday, Aug. 28**. Applications can be submitted via email to caresact@prebco.org or dropped off at the Preble County Courthouse, 101 E. Main St., Eaton, during regular office hours, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. (Do not mail applications.)

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August 14-20, 2020



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Also this Week



TODAY! - August 13 - Round 3 - Downtown Dayton Gift Card Bonus Buy

Earlier this summer, the Downtown Dayton Partnership kicked off the **Downtown Dayton Gift Card Bonus Buy** - a program that lets you support our locally owned, consumer-based small businesses while getting a really great deal for yourself. The first two rounds sold out in just a few hours. **Today**, we're kicking off round three at **noon!**

In addition to funding from the **Downtown Dayton Partnership**, round three of the Gift Card Bonus Buy is made possible by very generous donations from **CODE Credit Union** and **DP&L**, as well as an additional donation from **Don's Pawn Shop**.

For a limited time, the purchase of a \$25 gift card from a list of participating businesses will earn you a FREE \$15 gift card to a surprise downtown business. Use the form [here](#) to select from a list of participating downtown businesses. Max of 4 bonus cards per household per round. The DDP will mail your gift cards to you.

Don't wait! Supplies are limited and likely to sell out again very quickly. For more information or to purchase cards, visit downtowndayton.org/bonusbuy and check out the video below!



Take a Daycation!

Feeling a little stir crazy? If you're feeling the need to get out and do something, but just don't feel like your normal summer vacation travel is in the cards this year, consider taking a Daycation! The Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau has put together several great itineraries, special offers, and other ideas to help you get your creative juices flowing and plan fun Daycation activities.

Explore ideas for "Dayton on a Dime," family fun, aviation-themed activities, summer camps, indoor and outdoor recreation, arts, a downtown highlights weekend, girlfriend getaways, and more on the Daycation website at daytoncvb.com/daycations.



Virtual Art in the City

Did you miss last weekend's Virtual Art in the City? You're in luck - it's still online to view via our website!

This year's event is jam-packed with more than 100 local artists showcasing their talents in a wide variety of fun and exciting ways. Virtual Art in the City offers art demos, music, and performances; behind the scenes lookins with Dayton artists; interactive at-home activities; a juried art show; live-streamed performances and demonstrations; photos and online artist galleries; and more!

[Access Virtual Art in the City here.](#)

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Welcome Summer with Downtown's OPEN* Businesses:

Summertime is upon us, and we've never had more of an itch to get out and explore. Just in time for the warmer weather, many downtown businesses have started to re-open, finding ways to adapt and welcome customers while still maintaining some extra distance and other safety measures. Downtown bars and restaurants have always had some great patios, and several of those are expanding and changing to welcome you back for al fresco dining and drinking. Some retail and restaurants have found ways to bring their patrons back inside, as well.

If you miss your favorite local, independent businesses and are ready to get out and about, check out our lists of what's OPEN*. We've put together a list of downtown [restaurants](#) with **carry out, curbside pickup, or delivery** services, as well as those open **outdoor or indoor**. Many of our [retail and service businesses](#) also have found creative ways to continue doing what they do. Check out virtual experiences and other ways to stay busy and have fun with our [OPEN* - Things to Do](#) page!



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