

CARES Act Funds Available

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\$1.2M Available to Aid Washington Based Manufacturers Recover from Coronavirus Pandemic

About the Manufacturer Recovery Assistance Funds

[Impact Washington](#), the Washington State MEP Center, is inviting Washington based US Small-and medium-sized manufacturers (SME's) to apply for CARES Act Recovery Assistance funds. These funds provide services that directly support a manufacturer's ability to recover from the coronavirus.

Since March, Impact Washington has mobilized its Manufacturing Network to respond to the needs of Washington manufacturers through the COVID-19 pandemic. As Washington's trusted resource for a thriving manufacturing industry, we are committed to assisting small and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs) across the State. Impact Washington is here to help with technical assistance, training, and consulting services to help manufacturers survive, restart, and prosper beyond today's challenges.

The available funds are awarded through the Emergency Appropriations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency Operations as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Through a formal Request for Applications, Impact Washington applied to the [NIST MEP Emergency Assistance Program](#) for a portion of the nearly \$50 million allocated.

Analyzing the Impact

Impact Washington will walk you through a no-cost Business Recovery Assessment to identify what factors are the greatest threats to your business operations. It could be anything from a financial, workforce, or supply chain impact. We considered each area separately to understand the business impact and restore your operations. The business assessment will help you to:

- Discover insights into where your team is or isn't aligned
- Provide operational prioritization of areas to focus your resources
- Provide a foundation to a Recovery Plan

Prioritizing Needs

We work with you to craft a Recovery Plan tailored to fit your most immediate needs. The Manufacturing Recovery Assistance Program is available to support investments in a wide range of manufacturing activities:

- Production ramp-up/automation assessment and solutions
- Supply optimization/disruption planning
- Adjustments in plant design or workforce methods and approaches
- Onboarding and upskilling new and returning employees
- Risk mitigation in the face of added stress: cybersecurity vulnerability, business continuity planning, change management

Manufacturing Sectors/Areas Covered

Applicants include manufacturers, producers, and value-add processors in agriculture, food and beverage, seafood processing, aerospace products and parts, wood and paper products, chemical manufacturing, pharmaceutical, and medicine manufacturing, maritime, clean technology, and more. If you are unsure if your organization qualifies, please reach out, and we will work with you to determine your classification.

Eligibility

There are specific requirements for recipients of the Impact Washington Recovery Assistance Funds. We will work closely with you to determine whether you are eligible to receive funds. In addition to reviewing organizational eligibility, Impact Washington may consider other factors relating to the applicant's ability to responsibly use funds as outlined by the CARES Act and to carry out the project.

The opportunity to attain support will remain open until funding is no longer available. The amount of funding available to each manufacturer depends on its size and project scope.

Application Process

There is no formal application process— your facility's inquiry into getting the funds starts with a no-cost Recovery Assessment. Visit [Impact Washington Recovery Assistance Funds](#) or contact your regional Account Executive for additional information.

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