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**Applications open to Small Businesses in Buckland, Shelburne and Montague for Microenterprise Assistance from the Four Town Loan Fund**

The Four Town Loan Fund (Greenfield, Shelburne, Montague & Buckland) is making forgivable loans available to “microenterprises” (businesses with 5 or fewer employees), providing up to $5,000 to cover business expenses. Greenfield launched the Microenterprise Assistance Program earlier this month and using funds from the Four Town Loan Fund we are able to extend this program to serve businesses in Buckland, Shelburne and Montague.

Businesses can use the application found on the City of Greenfield website (greenfield-ma.gov/cedd). The City of Greenfield is administering the program with assistance from the Franklin County Community Development Corporation. The businesses must be located in one of the four communities (Buckland, Shelburne, Montage or Greenfield), must have 5 or fewer employees at the time of application; the owner of the business must be low/moderate income (last 8 weeks of income or most IRS Tax Return); the business must have over $20,000 in annual sales and have been established before September 10, 2019 and to be currently operational or planning to re-open.

Please visit greenfield-ma.gov/cedd for the program details and for additional information, please contact Greenfield Community & Economic Development Director MJ Adams at mj.adams@greenfield-ma.gov or 413 772 1548 x2.