TO: NATO of Michigan Members

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RE: New Grant Program to Bolster Relief for Michigan Businesses

Impacted by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Following is a press release issued by the Michigan Department of Treasury regarding the new $409 million "Afflicted Business Relief Grant Program" they will be administering for eligible Michigan businesses that have suffered financial hardship due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.  The grant application will become available online on March 1 and must be completed and submitted online to the state Treasury Department no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 31.  Grants will be distributed by July 1.

Please note that this grant program is separate from the $15,000 per screen grant that we are pushing for in the Michigan Legislature.

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