



## Expanded AK CARES Grant Eligibility

Governor Dunleavy just announced that he will be expanding eligibility for AK CARES grants that will soon enable small businesses to qualify for grants ranging from \$5,000 - \$100,000. The Alaska CHARR team has fought tirelessly for these changes, and we are extremely excited to see that hospitality businesses will finally have access to much needed financial aid from the state.

The new changes lift the \$5,000 restriction, as well as those on secondary income businesses. Other restrictions, such as requiring that businesses must be Alaska based or that businesses cannot have more than 50 employees, remain in place at this time, but may be amended in the future. Under law, the proposed changes can happen in 45 days at the latest. However, the Legislative Budget & Audit Committee can meet before then, and take action on the proposed changes. If the committee does take action, the expanded relief for businesses can take effect immediately.

A copy of the press release can be [read here](#).

## Industry Call Recording

If you missed our August 20 call with guest speaker, Mike Dennis, President of Conrad Houston Insurance, a recording is available online. If you have follow up questions for Mike, please email him at [miked@chialaska.com](mailto:miked@chialaska.com)

## [August 20 Call Recording](#)

### **Juneau Mandates**

The City of Juneau will be implementing new restrictions to combat the spread of COVID-19. Effective 12:00pm noon on Friday, August 21, bars will be limited to no more than 50% capacity.

For more information, see the link below.

[Mandate information](#)

### **Insurance: Temporary Changes to Business Operations**

Please remember when considering altering or modifying your business operations (adding delivery options, expanding to outdoor areas, etc.) to contact your business insurance representative to make sure your current policy extends to new practices and operations. For those of you with delivery drivers who use their personal vehicles, be sure to have all drivers contact their individual insurance companies to inform them that their vehicles are being used for business purposes to ensure coverage if an accident occurs.

### **Alaska CHARR Membership**

Have you appreciated all the resources CHARR has provided during this crisis? Do you want to have access to new benefits that will directly help your bottom line? Consider becoming a member so that we can continue to provide you the most up-to-date information and resources in addition to our regular fantastic benefits. Contact Rory McAllister, our Membership & Gaming Manager, for more information at 907-274-8133 or [rncallister@alaskacharr.com](mailto:rncallister@alaskacharr.com).

Help us in the fight to #saveAKhospitality! Together, we are #alaskastrong.

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