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2022 STOCKTON ENTREPRENEURSHIP ECOSYSTEM PROGRAM Notice of Funding Opportunity Available

STOCKTON, Calif. – The City of Stockton is now accepting applications for the Stockton Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Grant Program. Completed applications must be submitted online by June 30, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Applications will only be accepted through an online portal; the link to the application portal, program guidelines, and requirements are available at www.stocktonca.gov/econdev.

This is the seventh consecutive year that the City has set aside funds for the Stockton Entrepreneurship Grant. This year, \$400,000 is available to fund grants from local entrepreneurs, start-ups, small businesses, and organizations that serve as business service providers to entrepreneurs in Stockton.

The City has allocated \$200,000 of the available funds toward organizations that provide technical assistance to entrepreneurs, start-up companies, and existing small businesses. Qualifying business service providers are those that can assist with consulting, training, innovation, provide co-working office space, preparation assistance of business documents, financial assistance, budgeting, workshops, marketing, etc., to create economic opportunities for the business community.

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This is the third year that the City will allocate a portion of direct funding specifically for entrepreneurs: \$200,000 will be awarded to Stockton entrepreneurs, start-ups, and small businesses with innovative projects. Grants in this category will be awarded in amounts up to \$10,000 per applicant. Applicants must propose innovative business ideas or concepts, must reside and conduct business within the city limits of Stockton, and have a valid City of Stockton business license.

For more information about this program, please call the Economic Development Department at 209-937-8539 or email jamie.vilinkas@stocktonca.gov.

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