

## NSDA News Brief - June 11, 2020

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Note to NSDA members:

The Government of Nova Scotia has asked the NSDA to provide the following message to members.

### **Small Business Reopening and Support (SBRS) Program**

The new Small Business Reopening and Support (SBRS) Program provides funding to help some small businesses, non-profits, charities, and social enterprises ordered to close or greatly reduce operations under the Public Health Order, or that were greatly impacted by social distancing and orders to stay home.

**Dental offices (with one or more practicing dentists who are licensed by the Provincial Dental Board) restarting service to patients in June 2020 are eligible.** Individual dentists are not eligible unless they operate independently and not as a member of a practice group with shared facilities. One grant and voucher is available per dental office, versus per dentists.

The program helps small businesses, like dental offices, affected by COVID-19 by providing:

- A one-time grant of \$5,000 to help your business safely reopen; and

- A business continuity voucher valued at \$1,500 for advice and services to help your business adapt to, and become more resilient, in a COVID-19 world (the voucher cannot be used to purchase goods). Dental offices may, for example, use this voucher to help cover costs associated with N-95 mask fittings. All those approved for the SBRS Grant are automatically eligible for the Voucher as well, should they wish to receive it.

To get grants in the hands of businesses as quickly as possible, the program is being rolled out in grouped phases starting with those that received the Small Business Impact Grant (underway now), then small retailers and other eligible small businesses (June 15).

A streamlined process will be also open for **dental offices next week (during the week of June 15)**. **An email will be sent directly to members of the Nova Scotia Dental Association providing a link to the application** as soon as it is open. Information will also be sent through your Association.

Dental Offices will be asked to provide a:

- Void cheque
- Bank statement (from the same account as the void cheque)
- Tax document (likely a T2)

Once the application is submitted, the payment process will begin. Grant payments are expected to take about a week. Due to the large number of applicants in all groups, this may take less or more time. Please know everyone is working as quickly as possible.

For more information on the Program, please see visit:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/small-business-reopening-support-grant/>

For more information on other programs available to businesses please visit:

<https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/support/#support-for-business>

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