



## **2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

Today, the Department of Economic Development released its 2020 Annual Report, which shows the City rising to meet the challenge of the pandemic through resilience, creativity and teamwork and ending the year with a strong rebound well underway. In addition to a robust relief response, the City's solid base in healthcare, manufacturing and professional technical services helped Manassas weather the pandemic with its local economy largely intact.

The report details a year that began with Manassas in a strong position with low unemployment and record high wages. When the pandemic struck in March, the City mobilized quickly, providing relief programs, support services, grants, information, and other resources to help residents and small business. A summary of that support lists small business grant programs funded through the CARES Act, marketing grants supporting 31 businesses, Historic Downtown Rent Relief Grants supporting 24 businesses, and a variety of other programs and initiatives. In total, 235 businesses received support adding up to more than \$600,000. In addition, support for job seekers and employment services provided totaled \$230,000.

“We did these things and much, much more without a roadmap,” said Economic Development Director Patrick Small. “We adapted, improvised and strove to overcome the challenges we faced.”

The report described 2020 as “an unforgettable year” during which “we learned to be more creative, lean on each other for support, and find unique ways to help our businesses survive ... (it was) a year that challenged us, and in many ways we are better for it.” #**ManassasStrongerTogether**. [Full Press Release](#)

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## Who We Are

Here, at the Department of Economic Development, our team is driven by a commitment to help businesses like yours thrive and grow. Please consider us as your personal concierge for any business-related needs. From permitting and licensing assistance, to access to capital or finding solutions to workforce demands, we are here for you.

We understand that location is one of the most significant factors in whether a business succeeds and we thank you for choosing Manassas.

We also encourage your feedback. Please share ideas and information directly with us about anything that would be helpful to our local businesses. Also, don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates on Manassas happenings.



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