

Linn County expands aid program to gyms, health clubs

ALBANY — Linn County will provide local gyms, health clubs and fitness centers with up to \$10,000 in financial aid, as Phase II of a program to assist local businesses affected by Gov. Brown's COVID-19 restrictions kicked in on Friday.

Since May 4, the county — working in partnership with the Albany and Lebanon chambers of commerce — has been accepting applications from restaurants for \$4,000 from the county's share of state and federal stimulus funds, totaling about \$1 million.

“It has become clear that gyms, health clubs and fitness centers make up a sector of the business community that hasn't gotten much state or federal help,” Linn County Commissioner Roger Nyquist said. “Applications should be made through the chambers, or by obtaining an application through the Linn County website.”

Nyquist encouraged individuals to apply as soon as possible.

“We thank them for hanging in there during this extremely difficult time,” Nyquist said.

Contact the Albany Chamber of Commerce by calling 541-926-1517 or the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce by calling 541-258-7164.

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