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A Back-to-Business Framework presented by the Joint COVID-19 Task Force

Driving the COVID-19 Task Force, Shelby County government, the City of Memphis, and the Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce, have announced a Back-to-Business Framework to ease the economy of the region. The plan is designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus. These phases are designed to help safely and effectively bring back the workforce to rebuild the local economy. The specific phases and timelines are determined by the Joint COVID-19 Task Force.

Shelby County COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund

On April 15, 2020, the Community for Shelby County (CSC) was designated $500,000 to establish the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund, a sub-fund of the CSC Community Benefit Fund. The CSC funding is in addition to $500,000 designated through the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund created by the State of Tennessee. The COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund is a program under the CSC Community Benefit Fund, category 2.3 (Categories of designated funds). The program's purpose is to provide funds to eligible organizations to serve residents of Shelby County who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Workforce Development Resources

The Greater Memphis Chamber of Commerce is conducting a funding campaign to support the Chamber's workforce development initiatives. The Chamber is working with a group of community partners to launch the Greater Memphis Partnership, which will provide wrap-around support services to help job seekers gain the skills and resources they need to succeed in the workforce. The Partnership will focus on the most pressing issues affecting the workforce, including skills development, career coaching, and job placement services.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Driving the Dream is currently offering a variety of training opportunities through their online platform. These training events are designed to help residents navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and provide resources to make the transition to working from home and remote work. The training events include topics such as financial planning, mental health, and social distancing guidelines.

DTD Updates

If you have any updates to share, please email info@drivingthedreammemphis.org or visit DrivingTheDreamMemphis.org to learn more about upcoming events and training opportunities.

DTD Technical Assistance

For assistance with services, contact: Services to Seniors & Caregivers 901-842-3160

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