

On Friday, October 23, 2020, Governor DeWine and the Ohio Development Services Agency announced two new COVID Relief grant programs for Ohio companies:

## **Small Business Relief Grant**

### Grant summary

- \$10,000 Grant
- Accepting applications November 2, 2020

### Eligible Businesses

- For-Profit Entity
- Employs at least 1 and no more than 25 Ohio Employees
- Must have Ohio physical location and earn at least 90% of annual revenue based on activities performed in and taxable in Ohio
- Must be in continuous operation since 1/1/2020 (except for interruptions required by COVID-19 public health orders) and is expected to continue operations as a going concern.
- The applicant business has experienced revenue loss or unplanned costs caused by COVID-19
- The applicant business is in good standing with Ohio Secretary of State
- The applicant has fully utilized other government support (including both grants and loans) due to COVID-19
- Otherwise, not on the list of ineligible businesses

### Eligible Costs

- Personal protective equipment to protect employees, customers, or clients from COVID-19
- Measures taken to protect employees, customers, or clients from COVID-19
- Mortgage or rent payments for business premises
- Utility payments for business premises
- Employee wages and amounts paid to contractors, including health care costs
- Business supplies or equipment

### Ineligible Costs

- Costs for non-Covid related expenses
- Costs for federal, state and local tax obligations
- Costs for non-business purposes
- Costs for political purposes
- Costs for which the business has been reimbursed from another source (government loan, grant program or insurance proceeds)

### Application Process

- Beginning November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Submit application for the SBRG at [businesshelp.ohio.gov](https://businesshelp.ohio.gov)
  - Will require a login with existing OH/ID or need to create new OH/ID for secure access to State of Ohio services and programs
- Funds will be awarded on a first come, first served basis

## **Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund**

The Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund has allocated \$37.5 million to help those with liquor licenses significantly impacted with COVID-19 and limited in the full use of their liquor permit. Funding for this program is from the CARES Act.

#### Eligible businesses

Liquor permit holders need not be currently open, but must have an active liquor license. The permit types allowed included restaurants, breweries, distilleries, wineries, casinos, and private clubs. The permits include:

A1	A1A	A1C	A2	D1	D2	D2X	D3	D3A	D4
D4A	D5	D5A	D5B	D5C	D5D	D5E	D5F	D5G	D5H
D5I	D5J	D5K	D5L	D5M	D5N	D5O	D7		

#### Application requirements

Licensees must present their FEIN and liquor permit number as well as address for each unique location at the time of application.

Once money is received, businesses are to use the funds on COVID-related expenses due to business interruptions caused by the pandemic.

#### Application process

Visit [BusinessHelp.Ohio.Gov](https://businesshelp.ohio.gov) to access the online application process, starting **November 2, 2020**.

After applying and approval, a licensee will receive \$2,500 per unique business location.

Contact our [COVID-19 Response Team](#) with any questions on the application process.