

Grant Guidelines for Entertainment Venues, Lodging, Restaurants and New Businesses Announced Today, with Applications Beginning Tuesday

Guidelines are posted for four grant programs providing \$155 million in non-repayable funding to entertainment venues, hotels and other lodging businesses, food and beverage establishments, and businesses that opened in 2020. The funds were established through bills passed in May.

All four programs will be administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency. Guidelines, terms and conditions, and required documentation for all four programs are available now at [BusinessHelp.Ohio.Gov](https://www.businesshelp.ohio.gov). Applications can be submitted beginning Tuesday, June 29.

The Food and Beverage Establishment Grant will provide grants of \$10,000, \$20,000, or \$30,000 to restaurants, bars, coffee shops, and other food and drink businesses. The amount of individual grants to eligible businesses will be determined by the business's loss of revenue in 2020. The total funding available for this program is \$100 million.

To ensure the grants are spread throughout the state, \$500,000 will be set aside for businesses in each of Ohio's 88 counties. As businesses in each county are approved for funding, the grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. When a county's allocation is depleted, businesses in that county will be eligible to receive grants from the remaining funds in the overall grant program. If businesses in a county don't deplete the county's allocation by July 31, the remaining funds will become available to businesses statewide.

The Entertainment Venue Grant will provide grants of \$10,000, \$20,000, or \$30,000 to zoos, aquariums, theaters, music venues, spectator sports venues, museums, historical sites and other entertainment venues. The amount of individual grants to eligible businesses will be determined by the business's loss of revenue in 2020. The total funding available for this program is \$20 million.

To ensure the grants are spread throughout the state, \$150,000 will be set aside for businesses in each of Ohio's 88 counties. As businesses in each county are approved for funding, the grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. When a county's allocation is depleted, businesses in that county will be eligible to receive grants from the remaining funds in the overall grant program. If businesses in a county don't deplete the county's allocation by July 31, the remaining funds will become available to businesses statewide.

The Lodging Grant will provide grants of \$10,000, \$20,000, or \$30,000 to hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast operations. The amount of individual grants to eligible businesses will be determined by the business's decline in occupancy rate in 2020. The total funding available for this program is \$25 million.

To ensure the grants are spread throughout the state, \$100,000 will be set aside for businesses in each of Ohio's 88 counties. As businesses in each county are approved for funding, the grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. When a county's allocation is depleted, businesses in that county will be eligible to receive grants from the remaining funds in the overall grant program. If businesses in a county don't deplete the county's allocation by July 31, the remaining funds will become available to businesses statewide.

The New Small Business Grant will provide grants of \$10,000 to small businesses that were established between Jan. 1, 2020 and Dec. 31, 2020. The total funding available is \$10 million.

To ensure the grants are spread throughout the state, \$100,000 will be set aside for businesses in each of Ohio's 88 counties. As businesses in each county are approved for funding, the \$10,000 grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. When a county's allocation is depleted, businesses in that county will be eligible to receive grants from the remaining funds in the overall grant program. If businesses in a county don't deplete the county's allocation by July 31, the remaining funds will become available to businesses statewide.