



COVID-19 Relief Grants for Black-Owned Restaurants

Grant Guidelines

What are COVID-19 Relief Grants for Black-Owned Restaurants?

These grants are awarded to Black-owned culinary institutions that are pillars in the Greater Louisville community. These grants will also provide critical financial assistance to small, independent, Black-owned restaurants that, due to the COVID-19 national disaster, have an immediate need for funds to pay fixed operating expenses and remain in business.

The Fund for the Arts supports a full creative life for all and is committed to championing policies and practices of cultural equity that empower a just, inclusive, equitable community. At this moment in time, to assist in achieving a thriving, vibrant, inclusive, and equitable community, we are committed to investing in, lifting up, and celebrating our community's Black-owned culinary institutions.

To read the Fund for the Arts Cultural Equity Statement, visit:
<https://fundforthearts.org/cultural-equity-statement/>.

Who may apply?

Black-owned restaurants or Black-owned restaurant groups located in Greater Louisville.

Greater Louisville is defined as Bullitt, Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, and Spencer Counties in Kentucky and Clark, Floyd, and Harrison Counties in Indiana.

How do I apply?

Applicants may submit their application in one of two ways:

1. Responding to questions in writing in an online form.
 - a. To start your application, click here:
https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5723?SA=SNA&FID=35203
 - b. To continue working on your saved application, click here:
https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_5723?SA=AM
2. Responding to questions in writing in a paper application:
 - a. To download the paper application, click here:
https://fundforthearts.org/fy21-covid-relief-black-owned-restaurants_paper-application/
 - b. To submit your application, email your application materials to
grants@fundforthearts.org

Please Note: Should you need support in completing your application (i.e., help with grant writing, access to a computer, etc.), please contact the Fund for the Arts Community Impact team at grants@fundforthearts.org.

What information will I need to provide in my application?

- BACKGROUND INFORMATION
 - Restaurant name, location, and contact information
 - Restaurant owner name and contact information
 - Links to restaurant website and social media accounts
 - Description of your restaurant and culinary style
 - Number of
 - Years of experience you have in the food and beverage industry



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- Years your restaurant has been open
 - Restaurants or units in your business
 - Investors in your business
 - Employees before COVID-19 and currently
- Description of your business' community involvement over the past two years
- Restaurant owner demographics
- COVID-19 RESPONSE
 - Description of measures taken so far to reduce the impact of COVID-19 to your business
 - Description for how you might adapt your operations to adapt and survive in the "new normal"
- FINANCIAL INFORMATION
 - Total revenue for last completed fiscal year
 - Description of how your business during Q1 and Q2 of 2020 compares with Q1 and Q2 of 2019
 - Profit margin for last completed fiscal year
 - How much cash your business needs to remain open through the end of August 2020
 - How much cash your business needs to remain open through end of September 2020
 - Description of your current monthly costs (i.e., food, alcohol, payroll, training, etc.)
 - Your biggest, most immediate cash challenge
 - Description of any current or projected debt obligations as a result of COVID-19
 - Other funding sources secured (PPP, loans, new investors, etc.)
 - Description of how \$15,000 grant would be spent

Is there a funding limit? What are eligible expenses?

Grant awards are \$15,000. Currently, Fund for the Arts has funding to provide five grants.

Grant funds may be used to cover costs associated with keeping restaurants open.

What is the timeline?

Friday, July 10, 2020	Application opens
Friday, July 31, 2020 at 11:59 pm	Application due
Week of August 1, 2020	Interviews with review panel
Friday, August 17, 2020	Grant announcements made

How will the grant be paid?

Awardees will be sent a check for the full grant amount once the Fund for the Arts receives a signed grant agreement.

Please Note: The Fund for the Arts cuts checks on the 1st and 15th day of each month.

Questions?

Contact the Fund for the Arts Community Impact team at grants@fundforthearts.org.