

Restaurant Relief Resources

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Introduction

This guide was prepared by the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) in conjunction with an emergency relief program funded by Uber Eats and Visa that will provide \$10,000 grants to 100 Uber Eats member restaurants in 10 U.S. markets. LISC will administer grant selection and distribution as part of the program.

This guide is designed to provide a list of select resources available to COVID-impacted restaurants located in program-eligible markets: Atlanta, Bay Area, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, New York City/Greater Newark, Los Angeles, Miami, and Washington DC. The local, regional, and statewide resources described in this guide are focused on helping hard-hit restaurants weather this time of crisis through financial support and technical expertise. Links to external websites are provided where relevant.

Note: Resources, including funding, for COVID-impacted restaurants and other small businesses are continuously shifting. By subscribing to alerts and newsletters, you can stay up-to-date on changes to small business grant opportunities and COVID-19 relief programs.

For ongoing LISC updates on grant programs, technical assistance resources, and government services, please visit [LISC's COVID-19 Resource Page](#).

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National

“Invest in Progress” Grant Program

- The BOSS Network has partnered with Sage to launch a \$1.5M fund to assist Black women-led businesses seeking to scale operations.
- Grant applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. ET on February 25, 2022. Learn how to apply [here](#).

Small Business Development Centers

- Small Business Development Centers provide assistance to entrepreneurs and small businesses by way of training sessions and free business consulting.
- Search for a location near you by using [this tool](#) available online from SBA.

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)

- As of 1/1/22, SBA is not accepting new applications for SBA EIDL loans.
- Existing EIDL borrowers can apply to request increases. Visit [SBA's EIDL resource page](#) for details.

SBA Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF)

- This federal relief program awaits congressional action at this time. RRF funds are unavailable until further notice.
- [Visit this SBA resource page](#) to subscribe to email alerts in order to receive updates about the RRF as they become available.

SCORE

- SCORE offers mentoring, training, and education as well as connections to small business financial resources. SCORE has the largest network of no-cost, volunteer small business mentors in the nation. Learn more at [score.org](#).

Southern Smoke Foundation

- This is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. It provides emergency relief funding to individuals who work in the food and beverage industry and are experiencing crisis. Eligible individuals: Restaurant/

bar workers, baristas, sommeliers, farmers, ranchers, winemakers, distillers, brewers, food suppliers.

- Eligible businesses can [apply](#) for funds through the Southern Smoke Foundation website.

Start Small Think Big

- Start Small Think Big provides eligible entrepreneurs with free legal, financial, and marketing services through a network of experts and pro bono partners.
- For details, visit the Start Small Think Big [website](#).

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

- The U.S. Chamber's Save Small Business Initiative is an online resource hub for small businesses affected by COVID-19.
- Access the U.S. Chamber's list of business resources [here](#).

Verizon Small Business Digital Ready

- Verizon offers a free online curriculum designed to give small businesses personalized tools to succeed during these challenging times. It includes learning modules, coaching, and peer networking features. Registration is available [here](#).



Visa Small Business Hub

- Every small business has different needs. No matter what stage you're in, or what you're trying to accomplish, find tools, resources and advice to help you run and grow your business [here](#).

Atlanta

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Atlanta Open for Business Fund: Invest Atlanta

- This program will provide financial support to Atlanta small businesses with a focus on assistance to minority-owned firms. The Open for Business Fund, which is funded by Wells Fargo and the United Way of Greater Atlanta, is currently in development. Eligibility and application details will become available in summer 2022.
- You can sign up to receive notifications about the fund through the [Open for Business website](#).

Resurgence Grant Fund: Invest Atlanta

- This emergency relief grant opportunity is open to for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations. Invest Atlanta will award grants of up to \$40,000 to reimburse costs incurred after March 3, 2021 due to the pandemic.
- Applications from eligible small businesses will be accepted from March 1 to April 29, 2022. Visit [Invest Atlanta's Resurgence Grant Fund webpage](#) for details.

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Georgia Restaurant Association (GRA)

- GRA provides a comprehensive, online COVID-19 toolkit for Georgia restaurants. It includes key COVID-19 operating and regulatory guidelines. Access it [here](#).
- GRA is connecting Georgia-located restaurants to free technical support through a network of industry experts. If you need assistance with a **COVID-related** legal, financial, or insurance issue, contact GRA directly at info@garestaurants.org. Include your name, your restaurant name, and a description of the COVID-related issue.

The Giving Kitchen

- This is nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that helps Georgia food service workers in crisis.
- For an initial eligibility screening, visit Giving Kitchen online [here](#).

Bay Area

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Pro Bono Legal Services: Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights of SF Bay Area

- The Legal Services for Entrepreneurs (LSE) program offers free legal services to eligible Bay Area entrepreneurs who are low-income; located in low-income communities; and/or located in communities of color and who have a commitment to local hiring.
- Consultation is available in the following areas: Commercial leasing, employment law, business contracts, liability issues, and intellectual property.
- Interested businesses should complete an online application form [here](#).

Storefront Vandalism Relief Grant: City of San Francisco

- This program offers grants up to \$2,000 to eligible small businesses that have suffered damage due to vandalism. Funds can be used to repair broken windows, doors, locks, graffiti, etc.
- Businesses can access a grant application on the City's website [here](#).

SF Small Business Recovery Loan Fund

- Loans of up to \$100,000 are offered through a matched CDFI and are available at 0% interest. Approved uses are flexible but must be detailed.
- Businesses seeking to apply for a loan can begin a pre-application process [here](#).

Shared Spaces Program: City of San Francisco

- This program allows businesses to apply for a no-cost, expedited permit to share the sidewalk or a parking lane for restaurant pickup. Interested restaurants can apply online [here](#).

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California Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank ("IBank")

- IBank's Small Business Finance Center connects California small businesses to loans, loan guarantees, and disaster recovery funds.
- Learn more about current offerings on the [IBank website](#).

California Rebuilding Fund

- This program offers loans of up to \$100,000 to eligible small businesses that have suffered a direct economic hardship as a result of the pandemic.
- Interested businesses can begin a pre-application process online [here](#).

Small Business License Fee Relief: State of California

- California provides up to two years of fee relief for restaurants and bars licensed through the state's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC).
- Eligibility guidelines can be viewed [here](#). Restaurants and bars can [apply online](#) through ABC.

Boston

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Boston Local Development Corporation Business Loans

- Applicants to this loan program must be small businesses located in the City of Boston and seeking to relocate or to create a new enterprise in the City. Eligible business types include corporations, LLCs, partnerships, and sole proprietors.
- Learn more about this program [here](#).

Boston Small Business Relief Fund 2.0: City of Boston

- Eligible businesses can apply for one or both of the following grants:
 - (1) **Relief grants** for up to \$10,000 to support outstanding debts for rent/mortgage, inventory, payroll, or fixed expenses; and/or
 - (2) **Growth grants** for up to \$10,000 to support business growth through tools/technology, materials, personnel, or other costs associated with investing in business growth.
- Funds from this program may be used for expenses incurred between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2024.
- Application information is available [here](#).

Community Resource Guide: Northeastern University School of Law

- The Community Business Clinic of Northeastern University School of Law in Boston has created a free, comprehensive guide to resources for neighborhood small businesses in Greater Boston. It focuses on the cities of Boston and Lynn. The guide includes specific resources for minority- and women-owned organizations and firms.
- The Community Resource Guide is available [here](#).

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Small Business Strong

- Small Business Strong is a nonprofit organization that provides free resources to eligible Massachusetts small businesses with a focus on empowering women- and minority-owned small businesses. Pro bono services include consulting, digital marketing, capital access, and customer engagement planning.
- Learn more on the Small Business Strong [website](#).

Chicago

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Business Education Workshops & Webinars: City of Chicago

- The City's Dept. of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) offers free, weekly business education workshops and webinars. These are virtual offerings with instruction by industry experts. Topics include licensing, financial resources, operational planning, and more.
- For details about upcoming educational programs, visit the [BACP website](#).

Chicago Restaurant Worker Relief Fund

- This emergency relief grant fund was created by the Southern Smoke Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3). It was created in 2020 to help Chicago restaurant, bar, and coffee shop workers who are experiencing hardship due to the pandemic.
- The program's grant application is available online [here](#).

Small Business Improvement Fund: City of Chicago

- This program provides grant funding to industrial and commercial tenants and owners in seeking to make permanent building improvements and major repairs.
- Eligible businesses may only submit applications for funding during periods specified in the City's rollout schedule. The schedule indicates when businesses can apply for funding based on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts they are located in.
- Application details, including the City's rollout schedule, are available [here](#).

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Restaurant Employee Relief Fund: Illinois Restaurant Association Educational Foundation

- This program offers emergency financial relief to Illinois food and beverage workers who have experienced hardship over the last 90 days. Grants range from \$250–\$1500.
- All grant requests are reviewed. Individuals can apply online [here](#).

Detroit

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Motor City Match:

Detroit Economic Growth Corporation

- This program connects eligible Detroit entrepreneurs to customized financial and technical assistance.
- New applications for awards are accepted on a quarterly basis. The next application period opens in April 2022. For details, visit Motor City Match [online](#).

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Capital Access:

Michigan Economic Development Corporation

- Michigan Economic Development Corporation administers several capital access programs aimed at connecting small businesses to traditional lenders and financing solutions. Additional information is available [here](#).

Michigan Hospitality Industry

Employee Relief Fund

- This fund was created in 2020 as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It offers grants to eligible hospitality workers who are facing hardship and whose employers are members of the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association.
- The application for this grant program is available online [here](#).

Los Angeles

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BusinessSource Centers: City of Los Angeles

- These centers offer no-cost business services in eight languages (Spanish, Armenian, French, Korean, Mandarin, Russian, Vietnamese, and English). Assistance is available in areas such as small business financing, tax credits, employee hiring, accounting/fiscal management, and commercial leasing.
- Additional details, including BusinessSource Center locations, are available [here](#).

LA Optimized: Mayor's Office of Economic Development, City of Los Angeles

- This program helps Los Angeles small businesses adapt to today's digital environment in order to optimize sales, marketing, and other online functions.
- To apply for LA Optimized, visit the [program website](#).

PACE Business Development Center

- This nonprofit has served Los Angeles' small business community since 1992. It offers free and low-cost educational programs, business consulting, and technical assistance.
- For details, visit PACE Business Development Center's [website](#).

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Miami

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Mom and Pop Small Business Grant: Miami-Dade County

- This grant program provides funding to small businesses for approved uses such as marketing, equipment purchases, building liability insurance, and inventory, among other uses. The program follows a roll-out schedule based on county commission districts.
- To view a listing of currently eligible districts and upcoming application deadlines, visit the [Mom and Pop Small Business Grant website](#).

Revolving Loan Fund: South Florida Regional Planning Council

- This program provides low-interest loans to eligible small businesses located in three counties: Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe. Loans range from \$25,000 to \$500,000.
- Learn more about eligibility and application requirements on the [South Florida Regional Planning Council website](#).

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COVID Response & Relief Business Program: Florida State Minority Supplier Development Council

- This program connects qualified Miami and Orlando minority-owned small businesses to no-cost, confidential business consulting and other services.
- Visit the [COVID Response & Relief Business Program website](#) for details.

New York City

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COVID-19 Assistance & Guidance: NYC Dept. of Small Business Services (SBS)

- NYC SBS has created an online resource hub for COVID-impacted small businesses. The agency also offers free, online educational resources (such as webinars, trainings, and workshops) on topics such as small business financing, government contracting, and digital marketing.
- Learn more and sign up for alerts/updates on the [NYC SBS website](#).

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New York State Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program

- This program offers flexible grant assistance to COVID-impacted small businesses and micro-businesses. Grant amounts are calculated based on business gross annual receipts. Funds may be applied to losses incurred between March 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021.
- For details about eligibility and the application process, visit [NYS Empire State Development](#).

New York State Restaurant Association (NYSRA)

- NYSRA offers on-demand webinars and other educational tools to COVID-impacted member restaurants. The organization also provides guidance on regulatory compliance (such as mask mandates) and industry updates related to restaurant recovery.
- Visit [NYSRA's website](#) for additional details.

Restaurant Resiliency Program: NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets

- This \$25M program provides grants to eligible New York restaurants that offer meals and food items to people within distressed or underrepresented communities. The program partners with a network of food banks and emergency food providers to purchase prepared meals from participating restaurants and deliver them to those in need.
- Visit the [Restaurant Resiliency Program website](#) for details and to apply.

Greater Newark

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COVID-19 Resource Guide: Newark Regional Business Partnership

- Newark Regional Business Partnership (NRBP) offers an online guide to small business resources available to COVID-impacted firms in the greater Newark area. The guide is available [here](#).

Referrals to Business Support Services: Invest Newark

- Invest Newark provides guidance to local small businesses on where to find financial and technical assistance. Learn more on the [Invest Newark website](#).

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Emergency Assistance Eligibility Wizard: NJ Economic Development Authority

- The State of New Jersey offers an online screening tool that helps businesses that have experienced COVID-related disruptions determine their eligibility for a range of state and federal programs. A Spanish version of the tool is available.
- New Jersey businesses can access the Eligibility Wizard [here](#).

Philadelphia

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Temple University Small Business Development Center

- This SBDC is a small business outreach center run by Temple University's Fox School of Business. Resources include no-cost consulting support and connections to financial resources.
- Learn more online [here](#).

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PA 30 Day Fund

- This nonprofit provides forgivable loans up to \$3,000 to COVID-impacted small businesses across Pennsylvania. Eligible businesses are those that have been in operation for at least one year; employ three to 30 workers; and are owned and operated by a Pennsylvania resident.
- Visit [PA 30 Day Fund's website](#) to start the application process.

Washington D.C.

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The Bridge Fund:

Government of the District of Columbia

- This City program assists small businesses with continuity of operations. Restaurant/hospitality industry businesses are eligible for this program.
- The next round of applications closes on February 25, 2022. Eligible businesses can start the application process online [here](#).