**RESTAURANT RESILIENCY PROGRAM**

County Executive Angela Alsobrooks announced an appropriation of $6 million to assist restaurants and food service establishments that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

The Restaurant Resiliency Program will provide grants up to $25,000 to Prince George’s County-based restaurants and food establishments to promote long-term sustainability and resiliency of businesses operations, support COVID-19 safety measures, and support businesses operating at reduced capacity.

Applications will be accepted between November 13, 2020 and December 18, 2020. Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Grant will be awarded on a rolling basis.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

* Brick & Mortar location must be in Prince George's County
	+ Open to Food Trucks, catering establishments, farm stands licensed in Prince George's County (convenience stores not eligible)
* Business must be in operation prior to March 15, 2020
* Must be in “good standing” with the State of Maryland
* Not be in bankruptcy or litigation
* Have incurred financial losses caused directly or indirectly by the COVID-19 public health emergency
* Must be a for-profit entity. All business formations including corporations, partnerships, cooperatives (co-ops), and sole proprietors eligible.
* Recipients of the County’s COVID-19 Business Relief Fund, Legacy Fund, and municipal grant programs are eligible to apply
* Restaurants currently closed must commit to reopening within 30 days of receipt of funds
* Franchises independently owned and operated

**USE OF GRANT:**
Businesses may receive a grant up to $25,000 to support COVID-related costs including personal protection equipment (PPE), winterization for outdoor seating, interior improvements to support social distancing, expenses to create or expand takeout/ carryout and/or delivery services, marketing, and operating expenses (rent, payroll, inventory, insurance, utilities).

**HOW TO APPLY:**
To apply for recovery funds, a link to the application portal will be available on November 13, 2020.

Prior to submission of your application, confirm that your business is “Active” and in “Good Standing” by using SDAT’s free search the link below. Evidence of Good Standing is required to complete the online application.

<https://egov.maryland.gov/BusinessExpress/EntitySearch>

If your business is not in good standing, you will be ineligible to receive funds. If you need assistance with getting your business back into good standing, directions can be found at the link below and on the attached checklist.

<https://businessexpress.maryland.gov/manage/maintain-good-standing-status>

Businesses that have received funds through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) programs will be required to identify how much they have received and expenditures covered. Restaurant Resiliency funds must not be used to cover cost already covered by the PPP or EIDL loan or grant funds.

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

* Complete online application
* Evidence of Good Standing (Screenshot/Photo will be accepted)
* Food Service License/Permit
* Copy of Voided Check
* Articles of Incorporation/Organization/Formation

**NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD & ACCEPTANCE**

Recipients of a grant will be notified by email provided on the application. Applicants will certify at the end of the application that all information provided is accurate and true. Grant recipients, and the dollar amount of the grant received, are public information.

Grant funds may be reported as taxable income to the businesses. IRS 1099 Forms will be issued to each grant recipient.