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AL FRESCO DINING GRANT

Cash Grants for Restaurant Supplies to Facilitate Outdoor Dining in Colder Months

Waynesboro small business is the lifeblood of our community and backbone of the economy. Local restaurants are an integral piece of the economy, providing stable employment for citizens and enjoyment for both citizens and tourists, which has been severely impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. Outdoor dining has become a necessity for many restaurants to help curb the spread of COVID-19, while maintaining a sustainable capacity. State mandates still limit indoor dining capacity, and with colder months ahead, outdoor dining will become more challenging for restaurants to provide for customers. The AL FRESCO DINING GRANT program will provide cash grants for supplies that help facilitate outdoor and other alternative dining.

FUNDING SOURCE

The U.S. Treasury guidance allows states to use Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) dollars for expenditures “related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closure.” The Commonwealth of Virginia has elected to disperse a portion of its allocation to local governments. The Waynesboro City Council has elected to use part of the City’s allocation to help preserve small business in Waynesboro by providing grants to eligible businesses.

The **AL FRESCO DINING GRANT** program will provide up to \$1,000 cash grants.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Any for-profit Waynesboro based business that regularly serves food from a fixed location that meets the following additional eligibility criteria:

- Has suffered a qualified business interruption due to COVID-19
- Has a physical location within the corporate limits of Waynesboro
- Taxes and fees to City of Waynesboro current
- Locally owned and operated
- If closed due to the pandemic, has been reopened and serving customers since at least September 1, 2020
- Is offering, or has plans to offer, dining alternatives to indoor seating
- Had between one and 20 (Full Time Equivalent*) W2 employees as of March 13, 2020
- Your business is not a subsidiary of a business with more than 50 employees, is not part of a larger business enterprise with more than 50 employees and is not owned by a business with more than 50 employees

WHAT IS A QUALIFIED BUSINESS INTERRUPTION?

The business must have suffered business interruption due to COVID-19 required closures as measured by a reduction in gross revenue (YTD 2020/2019), which may include but is not limited to:

- Reduced sales or capacity restrictions imposed by Executive Order 53
- Increased costs related to providing food to customers other than traditional indoor seating

WHAT ARE ELIGIBLE USES OF THE GRANT?

Grant funds may be used to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures or limited capacity which may include:

- Portable electric heaters**
- Portable outdoor gas-fired heating appliances**
- Outdoor furniture, i.e. tables, chairs
- Pop-up tents, not exceeding 10' x 10'
- Single use menus
- Individual Condiment Packages
- Food Take Out Containers

HOW DO I APPLY?

The application form will be available December 15, 2020 at 10 am at <http://www.waynesborobusiness.com/recovery/>. The application period will close (one week later) at 12pm (noon) on December 22, 2020. The grant applications will be evaluated after all are received and are reimbursement based. All applications and required attachments must be done electronically.

WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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*Full Time Equivalent (FTE) – the number of employees required to achieve one week (40 hours) of work. For example, one full time (40 hours) employee and two part time (20 hours each) employees would be 2FTE.

**Use of heaters must follow WFD guidelines. See application for guidelines and additional information.