

Frederick County is developing a Restaurant and Food Service Relief Grant Program with funding from the State of Maryland and plans to open these grants on Nov. 13. Restaurant and Food Service Relief Grants are designed to provide financial assistance to licensed Frederick County food and beverage providers impacted negatively by restrictions on indoor dining capacity as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency, as well as licensed wineries, breweries and distilleries. The grants will be available to targeted sectors of the food service industry. Final grant amounts will be determined at the end of the grant application period and will be based upon the number of applications received. Grant funds can be used to pay for these permitted expenditures:

- Working capital, such as rent, payroll, and job training
- Purchase of equipment and services to expand outdoor dining, such as tents, heaters, warmers, and carts
- Infrastructure improvements, such as HVAC system upgrades
- Technology to support carryout and delivery
- Purchase of PPE and disposable food containers and utensils
- Sanitization services

Additional eligibility requirements:

Additional information on eligibility will be forthcoming. Prior recipients of a Frederick County Jump Start Business Grants are eligible to apply however, if you received a prior Frederick County Jump Start Grant, you must be in compliance with the reporting requirements of that program. All reporting documentation for the original Jump Start grant must be received by Frederick County Government by Nov. 18th. This page contains the expense form and the information on those requirements. If you have additional questions about this please email the Grants Team at FinanceCOVID19@FrederickCountyMD.gov

To apply for this grant your business must be in Good Standing with the State of Maryland. To verify that your company is in "Good Standing", look up your business on [SDAT's free online search](#):

- Enter your business name and select "Search". Your business will be listed if you are registered.
- Select your business and check under the General Information tab to verify that your business is in Good Standing.
- If your business is *not* in Good Standing follow instructions in the [Good Standing Checklist](#)

Any deficiencies MUST be corrected before applying for this grant program.