



**City of Phoenix**

## **Restaurant Restart Resiliency Grants FAQ**

### **What are Restaurant Restart Resiliency Grants?**

The City of Phoenix is offering grants up to \$10,000 to local restaurants, locally owned franchises, and food trucks needing to restart their restaurant for the new environment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Resiliency grants are intended to offset the costs of conducting COVID-19 related cleaning and the need to re-purchase all of the perishable foods that have either spoiled or have been donated during closure.

### **How much funding is available for Restaurant Restart Resiliency Grants?**

Approximately \$1 million is available for the Restaurant Resiliency Grants.

### **Who can qualify for this grant?**

- ✓ In operation in the City of Phoenix since January 1, 2019
- ✓ Applicant's physical or mobile establishment is located within the City of Phoenix boundaries
- ✓ Restaurant will reopen by September 1, 2020
- ✓ Gross total sales declined by at least 25% as a result of COVID-19 in March and April 2020 compared to March and April 2019
- ✓ Ability to provide documentation to verify the economic hardship suffered as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, including: tax returns, financial statements, and other financial data
- ✓ Ability to share with the City of Phoenix information demonstrating the economic impact of this grant program, including but not limited to: jobs retained, jobs created, increased sales, and access to capital

Note: A business cannot be awarded a **Restaurant Restart Resiliency Grant** if it or any affiliate organization has been awarded a grant through the Phoenix IDA Small Business Relief grant or any City of Phoenix Small Business Resiliency Grant programs.

### **What is the source of funds for these grants?**

Funding to help the local restaurant community through grants was provided by the City of Phoenix from federal relief funds distributed as a result of the CARES Act.

### **Do the grants need to be paid back?**

No, but any grant funds, and any income earned on those funds, that are not spent or committed for the purposes of the grant, must be returned to the Foundation by November 1, 2020.

**What is the application review and decision-making process?**

Applications will be reviewed by the Arizona Community Foundation. Due to the expected volume of applications, the Foundation anticipates notification will take at least 15 business days from application submission.

**When will the application be available?**

The online application will be available on the morning of Thursday, May 21 at [azfoundation.org/RestaurantRestart](https://azfoundation.org/RestaurantRestart) in both English and Spanish.

**Is there a deadline to apply?**

There is no set deadline to apply; however, funds are limited. Qualified restaurants and food trucks should apply and provide all required documentation as soon as possible. Based on the need for emergency assistance, funds expect the demand for grants to be high.

**When can my restaurant expect to receive funds if selected?**

The application review process will take a minimum of 15 business days from submission date. If selected, a small business will be contacted by the Arizona Community Foundation and a check will be issued.

**Will all selected applicants receive a \$10,000 grant?**

Qualified restaurants selected to receive grants will receive amounts up to \$10,000 based on need and availability of funds.