MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER'S RESTAURANT & RETAIL STABILIZATION GRANT | 2026

The Restaurant and Retail Stabilization Grant provides financial assistance to small businesses in the restaurant and retail industries to help them remain operational!

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: Up to $3,875,000
INDIVIDUAL GRANT RANGE: Up to $50,000
GRANT USES: Occupancy costs and payroll
APPLICATION OPENS: May 5, 2026
APPLICATION CLOSES: June 5, 2026 @ 11:59PM
GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED: Third quarter of 2026
GRANT PERIOD: Six months after funds are received

ELIGIBILITY

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS GRANT, A BUSINESS MUST:

- Be in in the restaurant or retail industry
- Be a for-profit, small business at a brick-and-mortar location (no mobile or home-based businesses)
- Be established before June 1, 2024
- Have a minimum annual gross revenue of $100,000 and maximum average annual revenue of $5,000,000 in 2023, 2024, and 2025 (or since business was launched June 1, 2024)
- Demonstrate a decline in gross revenue between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025
- Must be independently owned and operated, if a franchise
- Only apply for one business location within the District of Columbia

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO BUSINESSES THAT:

- Demonstrate at least a 10% decline in gross revenue between January 1, 2025, and December 3, 2025
- Did not receive funding from DMPED in 2023, 2024, and 2025
- Have a positive impact on residents and/or other enterprises where products or services are produced, sold, or delivered
- Purchase food, goods, or services from the local economy (DC, MD, VA)

LINK TO APPLY: CAPITALIMPACT.ORG/NOURISH-DC

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ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES

- **RESTAURANT ESTABLISHMENTS**
- **RETAIL BUSINESSES ENGAGED IN THE SALE OF MERCHANDISE OR A SERVICE INCLUDING:**
  - Art galleries
  - Art supply stores
  - Bars or taverns
  - Bookstores
  - Bakeries
  - Card, gift, or party stores
  - Clothing/specialty apparel stores, consignment shops, jewelry stores
  - Convenience stores/corner stores
  - Dry cleaners, laundromats, tailors
  - Florists with on-site retail
  - Furniture stores; grocery stores
  - Gyms, yoga, dance, or fitness studios
  - Hair salons/barber shops
  - Wineries, wine shops, breweries, or distilleries
  - Hardware stores
  - Home goods stores
  - Nail salons and waxing centers
  - Pet supply stores
  - Pharmacies
  - Printing/signage shops

INELIGIBLE BUSINESSES

- **HOME-BASED BUSINESSES**
- **TEMPORARY, SEASONAL, OR POP-UP'S**
- **NONPROFITS**
- **A BUSINESS IN THE FOLLOWING SECTORS:**
  - Adult entertainment
  - Auto-body repair
  - Banks and financial services providers
  - Professional services (accountant, insurance, and law offices)
  - Real estate development/property management/realtor
  - Businesses that are franchises that are not independently owned and operated
  - Cannabis dispensaries and/or cannabusinesses
  - Child care providers
  - Construction/general contracting/ architecture/design-build
  - Food establishments used exclusively for preparing meals or take-out (such as "ghost kitchens")
  - Health care and health care adjacent businesses (e.g., dentists, physical therapists, acupuncture, chiropractor offices)
  - Home-based businesses
  - Hotel or lodging business
  - Nightclubs that do not serve food
  - Online only/e-commerce businesses

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT NOURISHDC@CAPITALIMPACT.ORG, OR CONTACT ALISON POWERS AT 703-647-2369

FOR APPLICATION ASSISTANCE IN SPANISH PLEASE CONTACT LEO HERNANDEZ (LATINO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) AT LEO.HERNANDEZ@LEDCMETRO.ORG OR 202-540-7414

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Informational Webinars via Zoom

- Informational Webinar 1: Wednesday, May 13 12PM - 1PM EDT
- Informational Webinar 2: Wednesday, May 20 11AM - 12 PM EDT
- Informational Webinar 3: Thursday, May 28 10AM - 11AM EDT

In-Person Office Hours

- Office Hours 1: Monday, May 11 3AM - 5 PM EDT at MLK Memorial Library
- Office Hours 2: Tuesday, May 26 11AM - 2 PM EDT at MLK Memorial Library
- Office Hours 3: Tuesday, June 2 10AM - 1 PM EDT at MLK Memorial Library

Virtual Office Hours

- Virtual Office Hours: Monday, May 18 11AM - 2 PM EDT

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