

RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND

Grants to support restaurants and workers

The Office of Economic Development, in partnership with the Office of Workforce Development has launched the Restaurant Revitalization Program (RRP), a 3-month pilot program to provide a much needed life line to restaurants as they recover from COVID-19.

Program Details:

- This Fund will support restaurants located in the City of Boston
- Businesses will receive **\$5,000** to cover any business-related expense (these funds are not required to be tied to rent or payroll)
- This grant will also provide a retention bonus to new/existing employees during the 3-month pilot period for a total of \$900 per worker and 100 B-Local Points for each month, at the conclusion of the three-month pilot (\$300 @ 3 months = \$900)
- At the end of the three-month period, employees will be eligible for free tuition towards their Associate's degree at BHCC, RCC, or BFIT, replicating the Mayor's Tuition Free Community College initiative or at an occupational skills training program with an existing partnership with OWD.
- Restaurants that have tipped employees are eligible to receive an additional **\$15,000** grant if they:
 - Pay the One Fair Wage (\$12.75 per hour) to tipped employees for one month.
 - Complete High Road Kitchens' Equity Toolkit and Training program within nine months of receiving grant funds
 - Complete City of Boston OED survey completion
 - Share a written plan for achieving full wage parity for tipped and non-tipped employees within five years (by August 2026).

TO APPLY:

All applicants must meet the following criteria to be considered for a grant.

1. Must be a current food business in the City of Boston
2. Must have a valid Vendor ID from the City of Boston
3. Less than twenty-five (25) employees

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4. Proof of a Boston business address (e.g., a signed lease, business permit / license / title, utility bill in which the business is named directly, or other home office documentation).
5. Business and business owner must be in good-standing with the City of Boston
6. Business must provide a copy of its up to date Business Certificate
7. Businesses with more than two (2) employees must provide proof of payroll (e.g., recent pay / wage statement, bank statement, proof of paystubs).

Incomplete applications will not be processed.