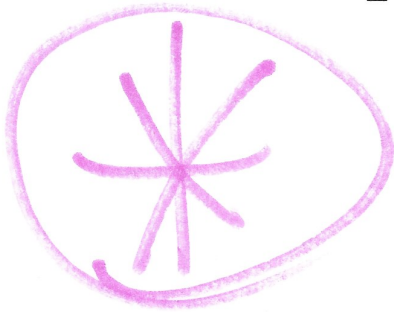


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Gov. DeWine encourages liquor permit holders to apply for Covid-19 grants



Gov. Mike DeWine of Ohio.

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Gov. Mike DeWine has again encouraged Ohio liquor permit holders to apply for grants from the Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund.

Of the state's 15,400 on-premise liquor permit holders, about 10,300, or about two-thirds, have taken advantage of the \$2,500 per location grant, DeWine said during a

press conference on
Wednesday.

"That means holders of more than 5,100 eligible permits have not claimed their funding," DeWine said.

On Oct. 23, DeWine set aside \$38.7 million of the CARES Act funding Ohio received to provide assistance payments to help liquor permit holders through the financial challenges they experienced during the Covid-19 pandemic.

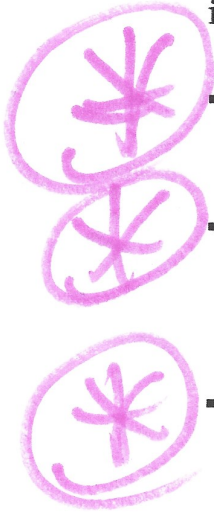
More than \$12 million of that has not yet been claimed, DeWine said.

"Many of the eligible permit holders have multiple locations," DeWine said. In addition, more than bars or restaurants are eligible for the grants, he said.

Movie theaters, bowling alleys, sports and concert venues and even some hair salons that hold liquor permits also are eligible for the grants, DeWine said.

The process to get the money

is straightforward, he said:



- Visit www.businesshelp.ohio.gov.
- Choose the link for "Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund."
- Input your liquor permit numbers and tax information.



This grant is not competitive, so as soon as a permit holder enters this information, a check can be sent, DeWine said.

The money does not have to be repaid, he added.

