

RRF (Restaurant Revitalization Fund)

Program includes \$28.6 billion available for grants to hardest-hit restaurants and appropriations will be available until expended. Applications began to be accepted on May 3, 2020. An important thing about this program is that it is also **designed to help new businesses**.

Program highlights include:

- Establishments must demonstrate that at least 33% of sales are coming from on-site sales of F&B.
- For the first 21 days that the program is open, anyone can apply, however, priority will be given to small businesses owned by women, veterans, and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. After that, all applications will be processed.
- Eligible: C-Corporations, S-Corporations, Partnerships, LLCs, Sole Proprietors, Self-Employed Individuals, Independent Contractors, and Tribal Businesses.
 - Franchises that are independently owned and operated are eligible to apply.
- Not Eligible: Businesses that are state or local government-operated, have applied for or received SVOG, are a publicly traded company, are permanently closed*, are a non-profit, or own or operate more than 20 locations as of March 13, 2020.
 - *Permanently closed - This does not include businesses that *temporarily* closed due to state or local restrictions or other pandemic causes.
 - If ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number) is expired, you will not be eligible for the program.
- Can apply in conjunction with PPP and EIDL (see below).
- Any PPP loan needs to be approved prior to applying for this or should be withdrawn.
- Maximum funding is \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Minimum award amount must be at least \$1000.
- Can be used towards most business operating expenses, construction expenses (expansion costs are *ineligible*, construction of outdoor seating is *eligible*), and business debt.
- Cannot use to pre-pay future debt but can hold some funds aside to make payments when these become due.
- Must be spent on expenses that were/incurred between Feb. 15, 2020, and March 11, 2023.
- If a business closes any time after receive funding, the closure date is the end of the covered period (The same goes if you sell a business, funds cannot be transferred to new owner).
- Documents needed to apply - Application, verification of tax information, and gross receipts documentation.
- Proceeds from PPP must be deducted from the funding calculation formula, regardless of how many PPP loans you received or when.

Calculating Funding Amount:

Calculation 1: Applicants in operation prior to or on Jan 1, 2019.

- **Potential funding amount** = 2019 gross receipts minus 2020 gross receipts minus any PPP loan amounts

Calculation 2: Applicants that began operations partially through 2019. Businesses in this category can use Calculation 2 or 3.

- **Potential funding amount** = Average 2019 monthly gross receipts \times 12 minus 2020 gross receipts minus PPP loan amounts

Calculation 3: Applicants that began operations on or between Jan 1, 2020 and March 10, 2021 and those who did not yet open but have incurred eligible expenses as of March 11, 2021. Requires additional documentation; may result in higher funding amount but processing times may also be longer.

- **Potential funding amount** = Total amount spent on eligible expenses between Feb. 15, 2020 and March 11, 2021 minus 2020 and 2021 gross receipts minus PPP loan amounts

See further details or review sample application [here](#).