



Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund

Overview

The Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund is designed to assist Ohio's on-premise liquor permit holders. This \$38.7 million fund will help more than 15,400 licensees significantly impacted by COVID-19 and limited in the full use of their liquor permit. Funding for the program is from the CARES Act.

Eligible Businesses

The Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control has more than 15,000 permit holders that qualify for the assistance fund. This applies to roughly 30 permit types, including bars, restaurants, breweries, distilleries, wineries, casinos and private clubs. They include:

A1	A1A	A1C	A2	A2F	D1	D2	D2X	D3	D3A
D4	D4A	D5	D5A	D5B	D5C	D5D	D5E	D5F	D5G
D5H	D5I	D5J	D5K	D5L	D5M	D5N	D5O	D7	

These permit holders need to have had an active on-premise permit as of close-of-business October 23, 2020. The business does not have to be currently open but must have an active liquor license. You can check the status of your liquor permit [here](#). If it's active, it will be listed as "issued."

After applying, a licensee will receive \$2,500 per unique business location.

Application Process

Visit BusinessHelp.Ohio.Gov to access the online application. Licensees must present their FEIN or SSN, and liquor permit number and address for each unique location at time of application. The Department of Taxation will confirm all entries. The Ohio Department of Administrative Services will be sending checks to permit holders as soon as applications are processed.

Once money is received, per CARES Act stipulation, businesses are to use the funds on COVID-related expenses due to business interruptions caused by the pandemic. Applications will be accepted through December 30, 2020. Funds cannot be distributed after Dec. 31, 2020.

Funding Update

As of December 2, 2020, more than 7,700 Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund applications have been submitted of the 15,575 permits eligible. The following chart contains the permits submitted and the total permits eligible by county as of December 2, 2020.

County	Permits Submitted	Permits Eligible
Adams	2	5
Allen	67	128
Ashland	26	56
Ashtabula	84	172
Athens	49	93
Auglaize	37	72
Belmont	51	98
Brown	16	44
Butler	225	460
Carroll	13	20
Champaign	17	35
Clark	68	143
Clermont	79	167
Clinton	17	38
Columbiana	64	126
Coshocton	26	35
Crawford	24	54
Cuyahoga	1,060	2,054
Darke	34	65
Defiance	33	47
Delaware	138	186
Erie	125	234
Fairfield	79	150
Fayette	17	32
Franklin	959	1,914
Fulton	31	50
Gallia	16	28
Geauga	66	113
Greene	84	183
Guernsey	29	43
Hamilton	681	1,401
Hancock	45	92
Hardin	17	32
Harrison	12	21
Henry	25	41
Highland	10	31
Hocking	18	32
Holmes	15	24
Huron	39	69
Jackson	12	26
Jefferson	45	96
Knox	29	65
Lake	214	361
Lawrence	12	25

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Licking	97	181
Logan	25	60
Lorain	166	340
Lucas	294	635
Madison	19	39
Mahoning	178	363
Marion	37	59
Medina	108	205
Meigs	8	14
Mercer	55	87
Miami	61	112
Monroe	12	19
Montgomery	307	646
Morgan	10	11
Morrow	9	23
Muskingum	43	96
Noble	8	12
Ottawa	107	167
Paulding	11	17
Perry	22	48
Pickaway	29	51
Pike	7	20
Portage	122	197
Preble	15	40
Putnam	38	57
Richland	82	159
Ross	30	68
Sandusky	40	67
Scioto	29	57
Seneca	47	94
Shelby	31	58
Stark	258	474
Summit	433	785
Trumbull	154	275
Tuscarawas	70	146
Union	32	54
Van Wert	18	24
Vinton	3	9
Warren	100	225
Washington	32	68
Wayne	47	97
Williams	22	36
Wood	103	176
Wyandot	23	43