



Dear Beverley,

The application for grants from the \$28.6 billion Restaurant Revitalization Fund, as established by the American Rescue Plan, is opening very soon! If you own a restaurant, food truck, bar, bakery, brewery, winery, or have someone in your life who does, this program can provide critical relief as we fully recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Feel free to forward this email to a restaurant owner you know!

[Click for more information about the Restaurant Revitalization Fund](#)

This program, through the Small Business Administration (SBA), will provide **tax-free grants** to Central Virginia restaurants to help ensure the long-term survival of our restaurant industry. Registration for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund opens this **Friday, April 30 at 9am** and online applications can be submitted starting **Monday, May 3 at noon**. This program provides restaurants with funding equal to pandemic-related revenue losses up to \$5 million per location and up to \$10 million per business.

These funds can be used for payroll costs, rent, utilities, business supplies, and many more expenses. Visit the SBA [website](#) for additional information, including information on how to best prepare your application for when the portal opens.

The SBA recommends that restaurant owners take the following steps to make sure the application process runs smoothly:

- Register at sba.gov starting Friday, April 30.
- Review the [program guide](#) and provided [sample application](#).
- Prepare your required documentation.

The SBA is taking steps to make sure that relief is distributed equitably. \$9.5 billion is set aside for the smallest businesses. Additionally, for the first 21 days that the program is open, the SBA will prioritize applications from businesses owned and operated by women, veterans, and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. However, everyone is encouraged to submit applications as soon as the portal opens. Following those first three weeks, all eligible applications will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis. The online application portal will remain open to any eligible businesses until all funds are exhausted.

I hope this funding is able to bring much-needed relief and peace of mind to you or someone you know. If you have any questions or if my office may be of assistance to you, please contact us at spanberger.house.gov or (804) 401-4110.

Sincerely,
Abigail

