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2026 Restaurant & Retail Stabilization Grant

Ends on Fri, Jun 5, 2026 11:59 PM

The 2026 Restaurant & Retail Stabilization Grant (RRSG) will support small businesses in the Washington, DC, restaurant and retail industries to help them remain viable.

Background

Grant funding will be available through the 2026 Restaurant and Retail Stabilization Grant to restaurants and retail businesses located in Washington, D.C. (D.C.). Individual grants of up to \$50,000 can be used to pay mortgage, rent, utility, insurance, common area maintenance (CAM), and/or payroll costs incurred between January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

The Restaurant and Retail Stabilization Grant is funded through the District of Columbia Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) and is administered by Capital Impact Partners (CIP).

Timeline

- Application opens May 5, 2026
- Application closes at 11:59 PM EDT June 5, 2026
- Applicants will be notified by August 31, 2026
- Awardees will receive funding by the third quarter of 2026
- Grant period will end six months after funding is received

Eligibility

To be eligible for this grant, a business must:

- Be a for-profit, restaurant, or retail business at a brick-and-mortar location
- Be a business established before June 1, 2024
- Have a physical location in the District of Columbia
- Have an annual gross revenue between \$100,000 and \$5,000,000 in 2023, 2024, and 2025 (or since business was launched, if it is before June 1, 2024)
- Demonstrate a decline in gross revenue between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025
- Have an unexpired, fully executed deed, or lease
- Only apply for one business location within the District of Columbia
- Be independently owned and operated, if the business is a franchise
- Be a restaurant (including bars, taverns, wineries, breweries, and distilleries) that is an establishment primarily engaged in providing food services to patrons who order and are served while seated (full-service) or pay before eating (limited-service/fast food), or

- Be a retail business engaged in the sale of merchandise (retail store) or a business engaged in the sale of services (retail service) to the general public including: art galleries; art supply stores; bars or taverns; bookstores; bakeries, card, gift, or party stores; clothing/specialty apparel stores; consignment shops; convenience stores/corner stores; dry cleaners; florists with on-site retail; furniture stores; grocery stores; gyms, yoga, dance, or fitness studios; hair salons or barbershops; wineries, breweries, or distilleries (with tavern or manufacturer license that sell products onsite); hardware stores; home goods stores; jewelry stores; laundromats; nail salons; pet supply stores; pharmacies, printing/signage shops; specialty shops; tuxedo/dress rental shops; tailors; waxing centers; wine shops.

Businesses are ineligible for this grant if they are a:

- Home-based or mobile business
- Temporary, seasonal, or pop-up business
- Business in any industry other than restaurant or retail
- Nonprofit
- Business that is engaged in the sale of merchandise or services in the following sectors: adult entertainment; auto-body repair; banks; businesses that are franchises that are not independently owned and operated; cannabis dispensaries and/or cannabusinesses; childcare providers; construction/general contracting/architecture/design-build; financial services; food establishments used exclusively for preparing meals for delivery or takeout without customer-facing space (i.e., “ghost kitchens”); health care and healthcare adjacent businesses (e.g., dentists, physical therapists, acupuncture, and chiropractor offices); home-based businesses; hotel or lodging business; nightclubs that do not serve food; online only/e-commerce businesses; professional services (e.g., accountant, insurance, and law office), real estate development/property management/realtor.

Preference will be given to businesses:

- That demonstrate at least a 10% decline in gross revenue between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025
- That did not receive funding from DMPED in the last three years
- That have a positive impact on residents and/or other enterprises where products and/or services are produced, sold, or delivered
- That purchase food, goods, or services from the local economy (D.C., MD, VA)

Use of Funds

Eligible uses of grant funds are:

- Occupancy costs (mortgage, rent, utilities, insurance, CAM)
- Payroll

Ineligible uses of funds are:

- Anything that is not mortgage, rent, utilities, insurance, CAM, or payroll

Informational Webinars

- Informational Webinar 1: Wednesday, May 13, 12-1 PM EDT, [Register here \(https://momentuscap-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nF2JWNaKSIWNBgbQUBPh3w\)](https://momentuscap-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nF2JWNaKSIWNBgbQUBPh3w)
- Informational Webinar 2: Wednesday, May 20, 11 AM-12 PM EDT, [Register here \(https://momentuscap-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kZtmnewcRO6hltlyKULsIA\)](https://momentuscap-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kZtmnewcRO6hltlyKULsIA)
- Informational Webinar 3: Thursday, May 28, 10-11 AM EDT, [Register here \(https://momentuscap-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EKeW3K3ES-WJUdhaaZ2t0Q#/registration\)](https://momentuscap-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EKeW3K3ES-WJUdhaaZ2t0Q#/registration)

Office Hours

- In-Person Office Hours: Monday, May 11, 3-5 PM EDT at MLK Memorial Library, [Register here \(https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/639d7180-df09-4993-87c8-8d707952a9ec/select\)](https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/639d7180-df09-4993-87c8-8d707952a9ec/select)
- Virtual Office Hours: Monday, May 18, 11 AM-2 PM EDT, [Register here \(https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/4fd38f02-1574-4ded-96b6-633deba8a1ee/select\)](https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/4fd38f02-1574-4ded-96b6-633deba8a1ee/select)
- In-Person Office Hours: Tuesday, May 26, 11 AM-2 PM EDT at MLK Memorial Library, [Register here \(https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/9809a115-eba3-43d7-8d24-645bb33cdbaa/select\)](https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/9809a115-eba3-43d7-8d24-645bb33cdbaa/select)
- In-Person Office Hours: Tuesday, June 2, 10 AM-1 PM EDT at MLK Memorial Library, [Register here \(https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/4c9a5fde-d3c3-487a-b5bf-7d2a28ed410b/select\)](https://doodle.com/sign-up-sheet/participate/4c9a5fde-d3c3-487a-b5bf-7d2a28ed410b/select)

Scoring Criteria

- Prior DMPED funding (5%) – preference for business that have not received DMPED funding in the last three years
- Community impact (5%) – does the business have a positive impact on residents
- Local economy (5%) – does the business purchase food, goods, or services locally
- Completeness (20%) – is the application complete with all required documents
- Demonstrated loss (30%) – does the business demonstrate a decline in gross revenue in 2025
- Demonstrated viability (35%) – does the business demonstrate continued viability

Documents Required in the Grant Application

- Business W-9 dated after January 1, 2026
- Business license
- Deed or lease agreement
- Articles of Incorporation, Articles of Organization, or similar formation documentation appropriate to entity type
- Bylaws, Operating Agreement, or similar formation documentation appropriate to entity type
- Annual profit and loss statement for 2023, 2024, 2025. If the business was not in operation for the entire time period, profit and loss statements will be required for the time it was in operation between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025.
- Federal tax returns for 2023, 2024, and 2025 (if available). If the business was not in operation for the entire time period, tax returns will be required for the time it was in operation between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025.
- Payroll roster, which should include position title, wage, and hours (full-time or part-time), if any positions are unfilled (title and wage), but should NOT include personally identifiable information about employees such as first and last name, social security number, etc.

Documents Required if a Grant Finalist

- Certificate of Good Standing from the D.C. Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection (DLCP), which was formerly the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) dated within 90 days of notification
- Certificate of Clean Hands from the D.C. Office of Tax & Revenue dated within 90 days of notification
- Certificate of Insurance

Questions

Please contact Alison Powers, Director, Economic Opportunities, Capital Impact Partners, nourishdc@capitalimpact.org, (703) 647-2369.

Technical assistance in Spanish is available through our partner, the Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC). For more information please contact Leo Hernandez, Leo.Hernandez@ledcmetro.org, (202)-540-7414.

1. Please check the sector that best describes your business. (required)

- Restaurant establishments (including bars, taverns, wineries, breweries, and distilleries) primarily engaged in providing food services to patrons who order and are served while seated (full-service) or pay before eating (limited-service/fast food).
- Retail business in the following sectors: art galleries; art supply stores; bakeries; bookstores; card, gift, or party stores; clothing/specialty apparel stores; consignment shops; convenience stores/corner stores; dry cleaners; florists with on-site retail; furniture stores; grocery stores; gyms, yoga, dance, or fitness studios; hair salons/barbershops; hardware stores; home goods; jewelry stores; laundromats; nail salons; pet supply stores; pharmacies, printing/signage shops; specialty shops; tuxedo/dress rental shops; tailors; waxing centers; wine shops.

- Retail businesses in the following sectors: adult entertainment; auto-body repair; banks; businesses that are franchises that are not independently owned and operated; cannabis dispensaries and/or cannabusinesses; childcare providers; construction/general contracting/architecture/design-build; financial services; food establishments used exclusively for preparing meals for delivery or takeout without customer-facing space (i.e., “ghost kitchens”); health care and healthcare adjacent businesses (e.g., dentists, physical therapists, acupuncture, and chiropractor offices); home-based businesses; hotel or lodging businesses; nightclubs that do not serve food; nonprofit organizations; online only/e-commerce businesses; professional services (e.g., accountant, insurance, and law office); real estate development/property management/realtor.
- None of the above

Please note that not all retail business sectors are eligible for this grant.

2. Does your business operate out of a permanent location in the District of Columbia? (required)

- Yes
- No

Please note that food trucks, home-based businesses, and seasonal businesses are ineligible for this grant.

3. Is the business only open seasonally, considered a pop-up or temporary business? (required)

- Yes
- No

Please note that seasonal, pop-up, and temporary businesses are not eligible for this grant.

4. Was the business established after May 31, 2024? (required)

- Yes
- No

Please note that businesses established after May 31, 2024 are not eligible for this grant.

5. Did the business have an annual gross revenue between \$100,000 and \$5,000,000 in 2023, 2024, and 2025 (or since business was launched if it is before 6/1/2024)? (required)

- Yes
- No

Annual Gross Revenue Definition: Annual gross revenue is the total income generated by a business from sales, services, or other income streams within a fiscal year before any expenses such as taxes, operating expenses, or discounts are deducted.

Please note that businesses that have a minimum annual gross revenue of below \$100,000 and an annual gross revenue over \$5,000,000 are ineligible for the grant.

6. Did the business have a decline in gross revenue between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025? (required)

- Yes

No

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Please note that businesses that have a minimum annual gross revenue of below \$100,000 and an annual gross revenue over \$5,000,000 are ineligible for the grant.

6. Is your business registered as a 501c3 nonprofit? (required)

Yes

No

Please note that 501c3 nonprofits are not eligible for this grant.

7. Does your business have an unexpired, fully executed lease or deed? (required)

Yes

No

Please note that businesses with expired, unexecuted leases or deeds are not eligible for this grant.

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Drafts may be visible to the administrators of this program.

Please note, you have the option to work on the application, save it, and finish it at a later date.

1. Legal Business Name (required)

Limit: 300 characters

Please note:

- This needs to match what is listed on your W9 in box #1. You can refer to a blank W9 here (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>).

1a. Grant amount requested (up to \$50,000). (required)

Background Information

2. Please indicate any “Doing Business As” (DBA) name. (required)

3. Month and year the business was established. (required)

4. Please provide the business Employer Identification Number (EIN). (required)

Please note:

- This needs to match what is listed on your W9.

5. Physical address of the business location applying for the grant. (required)

Country (required)

Address (required)

Address Line 2 (optional)

City (required)

State, Province, or Region (required)

Zip or Postal Code (required)

Please note:

- Applicant can only apply for one business location in Washington, D.C. (District or D.C.).
- This needs to match what is listed on your W9 in box #5 (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>).

6. D.C. Ward of the business location applying for the grant. (required)

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- 4
- 5
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7. Does the business have any additional physical locations in D.C.? (required)

- Yes
- No

Please note:

- Applicant can only apply for one business location.

8. Business Owner Name. (required)

First Name (required)

Last Name (required)

9. Business Owner Email Address. (required)

10. Business Owner Telephone Number. (required)

11. Is the business owner completing this application? (required)

- Yes
- No

12. Please provide the business website (if available).

13. Is the business a franchise? (yes or no) (required)

- Yes

No

Business Information

14. Is the business a Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) in the District? (required)

Yes

No

15. Has the business received any grants from DMPED in the last three years? (required)

Yes

No

16. Number of current full-time employees. (required)

Full-time Employee Definition: An employee working 35 or more hours per week.

16a. Number of current full-time employees who are D.C. residents. (required)

Full-time Employee Definition: An employee working 35 or more hours per week.

17. Number of current part-time employees. (required)

Part-time Employee Definition: An employee working less than 35 hours per week.

17a. Number of current part-time employees who are D.C. residents. (required)

Part-time Employee Definition: An employee working less than 35 hours per week.

18. Please check the sector that best describes your business. (required)

Limited-service restaurant

Full-service restaurant, bar, tavern, winery, brewery, or distillery

Retail store

Retail service

Sector Descriptions

Limited-service restaurant: Establishments primarily engaged in providing food services where patrons generally order or select items and pay before eating. Food and drink may be consumed on premises, taken out, or delivered to the customer's location.

Full-service restaurant, bar, tavern, winery, brewery, or distillery: Establishments primarily engaged in providing food services to patrons who order and are served while seated (i.e., waiter/waitress service) and pay after eating. These establishments may provide this type of food service to patrons in combination with selling alcoholic beverages, providing carryout services, or presenting live, non-theatrical entertainment.

Retail store: Businesses engaged in the sale of goods to consumers.

Retail service: Businesses engaged in the sale of services to consumers.

19. Please provide a one sentence overview of the business and what services/products are offered.

(required)

Limit: 40 words

20. Please provide an overview of the business including the goals, target market customers, focus geographies, and products/services provided. (required)

Limit: 400 words

21. Please describe any positive impacts the business has on the residents and/or other enterprises where products and/or services are provided, sold, or delivered. (required)

Limit: 300 words

22. Does the business purchase food, products, and/or services from the local economy (D.C., Maryland, and Virginia)? (required)

Yes

No

23. Are products and/or services sold outside of D.C.? (required)

Yes

No

24. In 2025, what percentage of annual gross sales revenue was from online sales? (required)

Annual gross sales revenue is the total amount of money a business receives from selling goods or services before deducting expenses, taxes, returns, or discounts.

Revenue and Expense Information

25. What was the annual gross business revenue from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025? (required)

- \$100,000-\$499,999
- \$500,000-\$999,000
- \$1,000,000-\$1,999,999
- \$2,000,000-\$2,999,999
- \$3,000,000-\$3,999,999
- \$4,000,000-\$5,000,000

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26. Does the business own or rent/lease the building where the business operates? (required)

- Rents or leases
- Owns

27. How many square feet of space does the business lease or occupy? (required)

28. What is the average monthly payroll for the business? (required)

29. Please indicate for which cost areas the 2026 Restaurant & Retail Stabilization Grant funding will be used. (check all that apply) (required)

- Occupancy costs (rent, utilities, insurance, common area maintenance (CAM), mortgage, back rent, late fees associated with back rent)
- Payroll

Common area maintenance (CAM) charges often appear in commercial leases for spaces in multi-tenant buildings. They are monthly fees that cover the costs of various maintenance needs or services for the building or shared amenities.

30. Which of the following represents the primary economic challenge the business experienced in calendar year 2025 compared to calendar year 2024? (check only one) (required)

- A decline in annual gross revenue
- Back rent owed
- Increase in operating costs
- Difficulty hiring or retaining staff
- Other

Annual Gross Revenue Definition: Annual gross revenue is the total income generated by a business from sales, services, or other income streams within a fiscal year before any expenses such as taxes, operating expenses, or discounts are deducted.

31. If there are additional economic challenges the business experienced in the past six months, please check all that apply.

- A decline in annual gross revenue
- Back rent owed
- Increase in operating costs
- Difficulty hiring or retaining staff
- Other

Annual Gross Revenue Definition: Annual gross revenue is the total income generated by a business from sales, services, or other income streams within a fiscal year before any expenses such as taxes, operating expenses, or discounts are deducted.

Grant Impact and Technical Assistance

32. If awarded a grant, how many full-time jobs do you expect to retain over the next six months as a result of grant funding? (required)

Full-time Employee Definition: An employee working 35 or more hours per week.

33. If awarded a grant, how many part-time jobs do you expect to retain over the next six months as a result of grant funding? (required)

Part-time Employee Definition: An employee working less than 35 hours per week.

34. Please describe how the grant funds will support the short-term and long-term success of the business. (required)

Limit: 300 words

35. What changes, if any, are being made to the business plan or strategy to ensure continued operations? How will the business address future challenges and funding gaps? (required)

Limit: 300 words

36. Is the business currently, or over the past two years, working with a technical assistance provider to address operational challenges? (required)

- Yes
- No

Technical Assistance Definition: Technical assistance refers to support provided to enhance skills and knowledge in a specific area. It often includes training, resources, and expert advice tailored to the recipient's needs. This support can be delivered through workshops, online courses, or one-on-one consultations. Technical assistance aims to improve efficiency, effectiveness, and problem-solving capabilities.

37. What type of technical assistance would be impactful for the business? (check all that apply) (required)

- Financing, access to capital, and loan readiness
- Marketing, communications, and branding
- Business planning
- Financial projections
- Improving sales
- Human resources including wages, benefits, professional development
- Licensing, permits, and regulations
- Incorporating delivery models
- Understanding business law and negotiating contracts
- Local sourcing
- Food business support including food safety, cold storage, menu development, etc.
- Product pricing
- Staffing recruitment and retention
- Inventory management

Other

No technical assistance is needed

38. What additional information is helpful to know about the business?

Limit: 300 words

39. Please upload all of the following supporting documentation.

39a. ANNUAL profit and loss statements for the previous three years (January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025). If the business was not in operation for that entire time period, please provide the profit and loss statements for the time it was in operation between January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. (required)

Choose File

Upload a file. No files have been attached yet.

Acceptable file types: .csv, .doc, .docx, .odt, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, .wpd, .wpf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .svg, .tif, .tiff, .epub, .key, .mobi, .mus, .musx, .ppt, .pptx, .sib, .xls, .xlsx, .zip

39b. Federal business tax returns for the previous three years (2023, 2024, 2025 (if available)). If the business was not in operation for that entire time period, please provide the tax returns for the time it was in operation between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025. (required)

Choose File

Upload a file. No files have been attached yet.

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39b-1. Please enter the 2024 annual gross revenue which matches your uploaded 2024 federal tax returns or the profit and loss statement if tax returns are not available. (required)

Limit: 25 characters

39b-2. Please enter the 2025 annual gross revenue which matches your uploaded 2025 federal tax returns or the profit and loss statement if tax returns are not available. (required)

Limit: 25 characters

39c. Current payroll roster. (required)

Upload a file. No files have been attached yet.

Acceptable file types: .csv, .doc, .docx, .odt, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, .wpd, .wpf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .svg, .tif, .tiff, .epub, .key, .mobi, .mus, .musx, .ppt, .pptx, .sib, .xls, .xlsx, .zip

Payroll roster should include position title, wage, and hours (full or part-time). Please indicate if there are any positions (title and wage) that are not filled.

Please do not provide personally identifiable information about employees on this payroll roster such as first and last name, social security number, etc.

39d. Business lease agreement or deed. (required)

Upload a file. No files have been attached yet.

Acceptable file types: .csv, .doc, .docx, .odt, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, .wpd, .wpf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .svg, .tif, .tiff

39e. Business license. (required)

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39f. Business W-9 dated after January 1, 2026. (required)

Upload a file. No files have been attached yet.

Acceptable file types: .csv, .doc, .docx, .odt, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, .wpd, .wpf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .svg, .tif, .tiff

The W-9 form can be found here (https://www.irs.gov/site-index-search?search=w-9&field_pup_historical_1=1&field_pup_historical=1).

39g. Articles of Incorporation or Articles of Organization. (required)

Upload a file. No files have been attached yet.

Acceptable file types: .csv, .doc, .docx, .odt, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, .wpd, .wpf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .svg, .tif, .tiff

39g-1. Please list the address named on your Articles of Incorporation or Articles of Organization. Please write N/A if no address is listed. (required)

Limit: 100 characters

39h. By-laws or Operating Agreement. (required)

Upload a file. No files have been attached yet.

Acceptable file types: .csv, .doc, .docx, .odt, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, .wpd, .wpf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .svg, .tif, .tiff

39h-1. Please list the address named on your Bylaws or Operating Agreement. Please write N/A if no address is listed. (required)

Limit: 250 characters

39h-2. If the address listed on your W9 does not match either of the addresses named on your founding documentation (questions 5, 39g-1, and 39h-1), please provide a brief explanation. Please write N/A if all addresses match. (required)

Limit: 250 characters

Additional Information

If the business is selected as a finalist for a grant, you will need to provide:

- Certificate of Insurance
- District of Columbia Clean Hands dated within 90 days of notification
- District of Columbia Certificate of Good Standing dated within 90 days of notification

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