

MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER'S RESTAURANT & RETAIL STABILIZATION GRANT | 2026

The Restaurant and Retail Stabilization Grant provides financial assistance to small businesses in the restaurant and retail industries to help them remain operational!



TOTAL FUND AMOUNT: Up to \$3,875,000

INDIVIDUAL GRANT RANGE: Up to \$50,000

GRANT USES: Occupancy costs and payroll

APPLICATION OPENS: May 5, 2026

APPLICATION CLOSES: June 5, 2026 @ 11:59PM

GRANT FUNDS RECEIVED: Third quarter of 2026

GRANT PERIOD: Six months after funds are received

ELIGIBILITY

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS GRANT, A BUSINESS MUST:

- Be in the restaurant or retail industry
- Be a for-profit, small business at a brick-and-mortar location (no mobile or home-based businesses)
- Be established before June 1, 2024
- Have a minimum annual gross revenue of \$100,000 and maximum average annual revenue of \$5,000,000 in 2023, 2024, and 2025 (or since business was launched June 1, 2024)
- Demonstrate a decline in gross revenue between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025
- Must be independently owned and operated, if a franchise
- Only apply for one business location within the District of Columbia

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO BUSINESSES THAT:

- Demonstrate at least a 10% decline in gross revenue between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025
- Did not receive funding from DMPED in 2023, 2024, and 2025
- Have a positive impact on residents and/or other enterprises where products or services are produced, sold, or delivered
- Purchase food, goods, or services from the local economy (DC, MD, VA)

LINK TO APPLY: [CAPITALIMPACT.ORG/NOURISH-DC](https://capitalimpact.org/nourish-dc)

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ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES

• RESTAURANT ESTABLISHMENTS • RETAIL BUSINESSES ENGAGED IN THE SALE OF MERCHANDISE OR A SERVICE INCLUDING:

- Art galleries
- Art supply stores
- Bars or taverns
- Bookstores
- Bakeries
- Card, gift, or party stores
- Clothing/specialty apparel stores, consignment shops, jewelry stores
- Convenience stores/corner stores
- Dry cleaners, laundromats, tailors
- Florists with on-site retail
- Furniture stores; grocery stores
- Gyms, yoga, dance, or fitness studios
- Hair salons/barber shops
- Wineries, wine shops, breweries, or distilleries
- Hardware stores
- Home goods stores
- Nail salons and waxing centers
- Pet supply stores
- Pharmacies
- Printing/signage shops

INELIGIBLE BUSINESSES

• HOME-BASED BUSINESSES • TEMPORARY, SEASONAL, OR POP-UP'S • NONPROFITS • A BUSINESS IN THE FOLLOWING SECTORS:

- Adult entertainment
- Auto-body repair
- Banks and financial services providers
- Professional services (accountant, insurance, and law offices)
- Real estate development/property management/realtor
- Businesses that are franchises that are not independently owned and operated
- Cannabis dispensaries and/or cannabusinesses
- Child care providers
- Construction/general contracting/architecture/design-build
- Food establishments used exclusively for preparing meals or take-out (such as "ghost kitchens")
- Health care and health care adjacent businesses (e.g., dentists, physical therapists, acupuncture, chiropractor offices)
- Home-based businesses
- Hotel or lodging business
- Nightclubs that do not serve food
- Online only/e-commerce businesses

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT NOURISHDC@CAPITALIMPACT.ORG,
OR CONTACT [ALISON POWERS AT 703-647-2369](tel:703-647-2369)

FOR APPLICATION ASSISTANCE IN SPANISH PLEASE CONTACT LEO HERNANDEZ
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LEARN MORE ABOUT THE GRANT WITH WEBINARS & IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS

Informational Webinars via Zoom

- Informational Webinar 1: Wednesday, May 13
12PM - 1PM EDT
- Informational Webinar 2: Wednesday, May 20
11AM - 12 PM EDT
- Informational Webinar 3: Thursday, May 28
10AM - 11AM EDT

In-Person Office Hours

- Office Hours 1: Monday, May 11
3AM - 5 PM EDT at MLK Memorial Library
- Office Hours 2: Tuesday, May 26
11AM - 2 PM EDT at MLK Memorial Library
- Office Hours 3: Tuesday, June 2
10AM - 1 PM EDT at MLK Memorial Library

Virtual Office Hours

- Virtual Office Hours: Monday, May 18
11AM - 2 PM EDT

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