



Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund

Overview

The Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund is designed to assist Ohio's on-premise liquor permit holders. This \$37.5 million fund will help those 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	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 Requirements

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. Applications will be accepted through December 30, 2020. 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.

Application Process

Visit BusinessHelp.Ohio.Gov to access the online application. The application will open November 2, 2020. Permit holders may apply for the liquor assistance funding as well as the Small Business Relief Grant through the online application at BusinessHelp.Ohio.Gov.

The Ohio Department of Administrative Services will be sending checks to permit holders as soon as applications are processed. Funds cannot be distributed after Dec. 31, 2020.