

Downtown Outdoor Café Grant Program

Overview

In an effort to help businesses make up for the lost seating and revenue resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Downtown Tucson Partnership has teamed up with Pima County to create the Downtown Outdoor Café Grant Program. This Program is intended to help businesses build, expand or enhance their outdoor café areas.

Downtown Outdoor Café Grant Program Details

The program provides a reimbursement for eligible project costs up to a maximum of \$5,000. Please note that filling out this application does not guarantee approval. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first qualified, first approved basis, as funding allows. To receive a grant, a business owner must complete the attached application and be approved by the DTP grants committee. Grant dollars cannot be used for items purchased prior to May 1, 2020. There is a limit of one grant per business owner. Business owners who own more than one establishment can combine businesses into one application with \$5,000 maximum for all businesses combined.

Eligible Costs

This grant is designed to off-set costs associated with higher quality barriers, furnishings and amenities for outdoor seating areas. The City of Tucson is allowing establishments to temporarily expand seating to meet COVID-19 social distancing requirements by allowing the expansion of seating areas into nearby sidewalks, parking areas, and public space. Approved City of Tucson, Temporary Expansion of Restaurant Seating Area is required before outdoor seating can be installed. The extension of a licensed liquor service area requires a separate application to and approval by the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

Eligible Costs contin.

The following items are allowable expenses purchased to create, enhance or expand an outdoor cafe:

- Café tables, chairs, or umbrellas
- Platform, railing, barrier or temporary fencing
- Lighting
- Signage
- Landscaping (planters/plants)
- Misters
- Exterior speakers
- Misc. required equipment to operate outside
- Design or architectural fees

** Note: grants will not reimburse costs already covered by any other Federal, State, City or other local grant (DTP and Rio Nuevo).*

Requirements

- Business must be located within the Business Improvement District and property must be up to date with their BID payment.
- Reimbursable expenses between May 1 – October 15, 2020.
- Invoice and proof of payment (CC Statement or Cleared Check)

Design Assistance

DTP staff is happy to come by your establishment to provide design assistance regarding potential layout, suggestions for outdoor furnishings, landscape or amenities. Businesses are also welcome and encouraged to work with an architect or designer as an allowable expense under this program.

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