

## American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND (RRF)



### What is the Restaurant Revitalization Fund?

\$28.6 billion relief program targeted to hard-hit restaurants and bars, with restaurants able to apply for grants based on lost revenue. Additionally, \$5 billion of that total will be set aside expressly for businesses with 2019 gross receipts of less than \$500,000. Pandemic-related revenue losses will be reduced by any PPP loans (round 1 or round 2) received by the entity.

### When will I be able to apply?

April 2021 – Exact Date TBD

### How much money can I receive?

Eligible entities can apply for grants that are equal to 2020 gross revenue minus 2019 gross revenue.

Maximum grant size will be \$5 million for restaurants and \$10 million for restaurant groups. Grant funds will not be taxed like income.

### Which entities are eligible?

Most American restaurants and bars that lost revenue in 2020 versus 2019 will be eligible to apply for RRF grants. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) explicitly names the following types of establishments that should be eligible: “restaurant, food stand, food truck, food cart, caterer, saloon, inn, tavern, bar, lounge, brewpub, tasting room, taproom, licensed facility or premise of a beverage alcohol producer where the public may taste, sample, or purchase products.”

Any restaurant or bar that is part of a publicly traded company or owned by a state or local government is not eligible to apply. Also, owners that operate more than 20 restaurants are ineligible.

Certain business given priority in the first 21 days of grant awards, including:

- Woman-owned businesses
- Veteran-owned businesses
- Socially and economically disadvantaged small business owners

### What is the “covered period”?

February 15, 2020 – December 31, 2021

### What do the grant funds cover?

- Payroll costs;
- Principal and interest payments on a mortgage, not including any prepayments on principal.
- Rent payments, not including prepayments;
- Utilities;
- Maintenance expenses including construction to accommodate outdoor seating and walls, floods, deck surfaces, furniture, fixtures, and equipment;

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- Supplies including personal protective equipment and cleaning materials;
- Food and beverage expenses within the eligible entity's scope of normal business practice before the covered period, or another date as determined by the SBA;
- Covered supplier costs;
- Operational expenses;
- Paid sick leave; and
- Any other expenses the SBA determines to be essential to maintaining the eligible entity.

### What can I do now to be prepared?

1. Register your business on [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) (System for Award Management)
2. There are three steps to this process:
  - a. Obtain a DUNS number
  - b. Register at SAM.gov
  - c. Submit a notarized letter to grant access to new Entity Administrators
3. Work with an accountant to prepare paperwork that clearly shows your gross revenue loss in 2020 as compared to 2019.