



# Hospitality Emergency Grant Program

## Summary

To help hospitality businesses make ends meet in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, DCEO is launching the Hospitality Emergency Grant Program with \$14 million drawn from funds originally budgeted for job training, tourism promotion, and other purposes.

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| <i>How much money is available in the program?</i> | \$14 million  |
| <i>Deadline?</i>                                   | Applications will be accepted until <b>5:00pm on April 1st</b> and recipients will be chosen via a lottery; therefore, there is no benefit to submitting an application first as long as a valid, complete application is received by the deadline.   |
| <i>Who is the program through?</i>                 | Illinois Office of Tourism  |
| <i>How do businesses apply?</i>                    | Submit an application <a href="#">online here</a> .   |
| <i>Who is eligible?</i>                            | Bars and restaurants that serve food or liquor and that generated revenues of less than \$1 million in 2019.<br>Hotels and motels that generated revenues of less than \$8 million in 2019.   |
| <i>What can grant funds be used for?</i>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For bars and restaurants-</b> Based on the businesses needs identified in the grant application, funds can be used to support working capital (rent, payroll, and other accounts payable), job training (such as new practices related to take out, delivery and sanitation) and technology enabling new operations as well as other costs to implement that technology.</li> <li>• <b>For hotels-</b> Funds can be used as working capital to support the retention of employees.</li> </ul> |
| <i>How much money can a business get?</i>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bars and restaurants that generated less than \$500,000 in annual revenue last year will be eligible for up to \$10,000.</li> <li>• Bars and restaurants that generated between \$500,000 and \$1M in annual revenue last year will be eligible for up to \$25,000.</li> <li>• Hotels that generated less than \$8 million in annual revenue last year will be eligible for up to \$50,000.</li> </ul>   |
| <i>Timeline for funds?</i>                         | <i>Not known at this time.</i>  |
| <i>Contact Information:</i>                        | For questions call (312) 275-3000 or <a href="#">click here</a> to submit an on-line inquiry.   |
| <i>Tips:</i>                                       | <i>Application process requires a business license. Please contact the City of Crystal Lake to have a license sent to you. Email: <a href="mailto:hmaieritsch@crystallake.org">hmaieritsch@crystallake.org</a> or Call: (815) 356-3737</i>  |