



Bucks Business Recovery Grant Overview

For-Profit Businesses

The County of Bucks has been appropriated \$5,000,000.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to assist small businesses through COVID-19 recovery. Grants will be awarded ranging from \$1,000.00 - \$45,000.00 in increments of \$1,000.00. Small businesses and/or nonprofits who have already received Bucks Back to Work grant funding and/or CARES Act funding shall be eligible for this Program. Grants for businesses and non-profits who have received prior funding from our organization will be capped at \$5,000.00. Priority will be given to small business and/or nonprofits that have not received additional government relief support funding (e.g., SBA Payroll Protection Program, other SBA Disaster/Emergency Funds, PA COVID-19 Working Capital Access Program, Bucks Back to Work, etc.).

Application Process

1. To apply, eligible small business and nonprofits will be required to complete an online application hosted by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks.
2. All required information (see below) must be submitted digitally in PDF format.
3. The application window will be as follows: **October 29, 2021 at 8:00am through November 19, 2021 at 5:00pm**
4. Incomplete, incorrect, or late applications will not be considered.
5. All questions must be answered via the application; DO NOT attach additional explanatory sheets.
6. There is no application fee.
7. Applications are not first come first serve.
8. Due to anticipated demand, not all applications will be funded.
9. Applications will be reviewed by the Program Administrators. – one outreach for incomplete applications with one week turnaround time.

Required PDF Attachments:

1. 2020 Tax Returns
2. Form W-9
3. Executed Agreement
4. 2021 P&L

For- Profit Guidelines

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants must be a for-profit, Bucks County-based business operating primarily in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, with an annual gross revenue of \$5,000,000 or less.
 - a. Primary operations and headquarters of the business must be physically located in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, regardless of owner's residence or location of business incorporation.
2. Business owners may only apply for *one* business in which they own 20% or more of the business.
3. This Program is open to all industries.

4. This Program is available to franchises and affiliate businesses.
5. Businesses that apply must intend to remain open, at minimum, through December 31, 2022.
6. Applicants must have been in business with the same owner since 2019.
7. Employees of the County of Bucks and Program Administrators, as well as their board or authority members, are ineligible.
8. Businesses that have been cited by any government agency for violating municipal, county, state, or federal codes, laws, etc., in the past two years are ineligible.
9. Passive businesses are not eligible. These include rental properties or any business in which the owner does not actively participate.
10. Must be current or in compliance, making timely and required payments on any county, state, or federal loan program accounts.
11. Must have no more than 50 employees. Subcontractors and/or 1099 employees should not be included in the employee count.

Eligible use of grant funds: ¹

1. Payroll expenses.
2. Rent and mortgage for the business.
3. Operational expenses:
 - a. Equipment leases
 - b. PPE
 - c. Other operational expenses
4. Capital Expenses related to implementing new safety measures related to COVID-19 including but not limited to:
 - a. Physical changes to enable social distancing
 - b. Enhanced cleaning efforts
 - c. Barriers or partitions
 - d. COVID-19 vaccination, testing, or contact tracing programs
 - e. Signage to facilitate social distancing
 - f. Provision of masks or PPE
 - g. Consultation with infection prevention professionals to develop safe reopening measures
5. Technical assistance, counseling, or other services to assist with business planning needs
6. Expenses must not have incurred prior to March 3, 2021²

Ineligible use of grant funds:

1. To settle debts
2. Anything outside the scope relating to COVID-mitigation
3. Satisfaction of any obligation arising from a settle agreement, judgement, consent decree or judicially confirmed debt restructuring ³
4. Any expense incurred before March 3, 2021
5. Any expense not applicable through ARPA
6. To fund any business other than that which is receiving the grant

For additional information/guidance please email bucksrecoverygrant@buckscounty.org.

¹ Coronavirus State and Local Discal Recovery Funds, Department of Treasury Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 93. Pg. 26794-26795, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-05-17/pdf/2021-10283.pdf>

² Coronavirus State and Local Discal Recovery Funds, Department of Treasury Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 93. Pg. 26821, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-05-17/pdf/2021-10283.pdf>

³ Coronavirus State and Local Discal Recovery Funds, Department of Treasury Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 93. Pg. 26796, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-05-17/pdf/2021-10283.pdf>