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OC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ANNOUNCE GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LOCAL RESTAURANTS PROVIDING OUTDOOR DINING

SANTA ANA, Calif. (November 18, 2020) – In response to the State’s action to place additional restrictions on Orange County related to COVID-19, the Orange County Board of Supervisors took immediate action and is launching the Orange County (OC) Restaurant Outdoor Dining Grant Program to support local restaurants providing outdoor dining as required by the State’s purple tier guidelines.

The OC Restaurant Outdoor Dining Grant Program will make funds immediately available to award \$1,000 grants to 1,000 eligible restaurants through CARES Act federal funding. These urgently needed dollars are intended to help alleviate financial hardships local restaurants are facing following the State’s announcement of Orange County moving back to the purple tier. Awardees must use the funding solely to purchase outdoor heaters/warmers, lighting, or canopies/tents to provide for outdoor dining.

Restaurants are required to submit an application on the [County’s website](#) to be considered for the grant funding. Eligible applications will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis, and incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified.

Due to the overwhelming response of previous County business grant programs, restaurants are strongly encouraged to review the program criteria and gather required documentation in advance, which can be found at <https://www.oconestop.com/small-business-relief-programs>. This is just another in a series of grant programs and initiatives spearheaded by the Orange County Board of Supervisors to bring economic relief to businesses suffering impacts due to COVID-19.

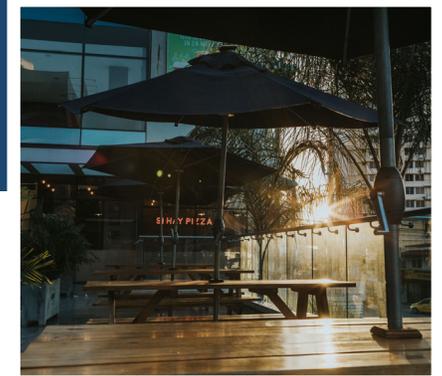
Applications will open beginning Friday, November 20, 2020, at 9 a.m. PST.

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ORANGE COUNTY RESTAURANT OUTDOOR DINING GRANT PROGRAM

The OC Restaurant Outdoor Dining Grant Program is administering \$1,000 grants on a **first-come, first-served** basis to support 1,000 Orange County restaurants offering outdoor dining.



APPLICATION PERIOD

Beginning Friday, November 20 at 9 a.m.

RESTAURANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be located in Orange County and been impacted by COVID-19
- Must have been operational on or before March 9, 2020
- Must be in good standing with the Orange County Health Care Agency
- Must be currently open for business
- Must submit receipts for purchase(s) through the County's online portal by December 30, 2020

Please note: Bars, breweries, food trucks, distilleries or wineries, and restaurants engaged in illegal activities or in adult entertainment, gambling, or cannabis are ineligible.

USE OF FUNDING

Restaurants must use the \$1,000 grant solely to purchase outdoor heaters/warmers, lighting, and canopies/tents to provide for outdoor dining.

Purchases must be made between November 16, 2020 and December 23, 2020.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Applicants need to download, complete and upload these documents with their application submittal:

- Business owner's valid government photo ID (i.e. Driver's License)
- Restaurant's valid health permit issued by Orange County Environmental Health
- [W9 Form](#)
- [Grant Agreement](#)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, VISIT
[OCONESTOP.COM/SMALL-BUSINESS-RELIEF-PROGRAMS](https://oconestop.com/small-business-relief-programs)**