



NEWINGTON

— New Hampshire —

Dear Newington business:

Please find below information regarding the [Local Restaurant Infrastructure Program](#) which provides up to \$15,000 reimbursement for eligible equipment, infrastructure, and technology purchased between November 1, 2021, and July 13, 2022 that helped your business adapt to service and technology changes due to COVID-19. To receive an award, eligible restaurants must apply by July 13, 2022, but applications will be reviewed and funds awarded on a rolling basis, with monthly funding rounds.

Local Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Program

About the Program

The Local Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Program provides awards to local restaurants seeking reimbursement for eligible equipment, infrastructure, and technology purchases up to an award cap of \$15,000.

Such purchases must be a result of or in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to be eligible under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

This program is intended to help address workforce issues, consumer expectations, and overall restaurant safety challenges experienced by small, local restaurants across New Hampshire due to COVID-19.

Awards will be issued to applicants for reimbursement of eligible equipment, infrastructure, and technology purchased between November 1, 2021, and July 13, 2022, to help them adapt to service and technology changes due to COVID-19 in the market that can be costly and disruptive.

To receive an award, eligible restaurants must apply by July 13, 2022, but applications will be reviewed and funds awarded on a rolling basis, with monthly funding rounds.

Applications should be completed and submitted promptly, as they may require follow up and additional documentation or information.

If an award is made, approval by Governor and Council may be required.

[Please see the program FAQs for additional details.](#)

Dates & Timelines:

April 21, 2022 – Application Period Opens

July 13, 2022, 4:00 P.M. - Application Period Closes

NOTE: Applications reviewed and grants awarded on a rolling, monthly basis until program funds are depleted or the application period closes.

*The application must be completed and submitted utilizing the GOFERR grant portal by **Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 4:00 P.M.**, including all supporting documentation. In the application portal, a “saved” application will not be considered a “submitted” application.*

Eligibility:

This program is open to New Hampshire based restaurants, and it is intended to aid primarily full service, eat-in, non-franchise small restaurants.

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- Have been operating prior to March 20, 2020;
- Be actively paying Meals & Rooms taxes to the State as a food service establishment;

- Have annual gross receipts, including all affiliates, at or below \$20,000,000, in tax year 2021 or not exceed annual gross receipts per New Hampshire location of \$5,000,000;
- Be submitting expenses for only New Hampshire locations; and
- Not be:
 - A national chain (locations in 3 or more states),
 - A national franchise (locations in 3 or more states),
 - Delivery or take out only, or
 - Primarily catering.

Each eligible applicant, providing detail and support for eligible expenditures, may receive an award of up to \$15,000 per eligible location.

For more information about the Local Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Program generally, or the application, please review the program FAQs. If you still have questions, please email info@goferr.nh.gov.

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How to Submit an Appeal:

Applicants will receive notice of the initial determination and amount of award, if any. They will then have 15 business days from the date of the initial notice to contest the determination.

Reasons to contest eligibility and/or award determinations are limited to the following:

- If the determination was based on eligibility, provide an explanation and evidence to substantiate your claim about why your facility is actually eligible for the program
- If you are contesting the calculation of the award, provide an explanation and evidence supporting that the calculation of the award, based on the information submitted in the application, is in error

- **NOTE:** If the error was in the applicant's submission, only scriveners or obvious typographical errors can be corrected

The appeal request and evidence shall be submitted in writing electronically to "Appeal@goferr.nh.gov." The appeal will be determined based on the written submission and documents in GOFERR's possession. No hearing will be held.

Applicants will receive a notice of the determination on the appeal. No further appeal is allowed.

Frequently Asked Questions

[View FAQs for the Local Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Program](#)

Please feel free to contact us for assistance at your convenience. I wish you, your families and your colleagues good health.

Sincerely,

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