

## Grant (Free) Money to Help Your Small Business at this Difficult Time

The City of Boston is providing grants to help small businesses, ( those with revenues of \$1.5 million or less) make it at this difficult time. The grants are \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$10,000, depending upon the size of your business. Please apply as soon as possible (ASAP), starting at Noon on Monday as these will go fast.

### GRANT SIZE

\$2,500 RELIEF GRANT	\$5,000 RELIEF GRANT	\$10,000 RELIEF GRANT
▶ 0-5 Employees (incl. owner)	▶ 5-15 Employees (incl. owner)	▶ 15-35 employees (incl. owner)
▶ Less than \$250,000 in annual revenue	▶ Less than \$750,000 in Annual Revenue	▶ Less than \$1,500,000 in Annual Revenue

### STEP 1:

Do you have a GMAIL account?

- **If yes, move on to step 2**
- If no, please [sign up here](#) and click on “create account” to establish your free account. You will need a gmail account to complete your application.

### STEP 2:

Are you a for-profit entity that:

1. Has fewer than thirty-five (35) employees;
2. Made less than \$1,500,000 in annual revenue; and
3. Is in good standing with, and operating in the City of Boston (excludes chains or corporate franchises).

- **If yes, move on to Step 3**
- If no, you do not qualify for the Small Business Relief Fund. Please check out our [Financial Resources Handbook](#) for other programs that may better fit your business needs.

### STEP 3:

Gather the following documentation necessary to complete your application:

1. Proof of a Boston business address (as indicated by a signed lease or home office documentation)
2. A copy of the business' most recent fiscal year tax return (no later than FY2019)
3. Proof of payroll (required for businesses with more than two (2) employees)

## STEP 4:

Visit [BOSTON.GOV/Business-Relief](https://www.boston.gov/business-relief) or call 617-635-2111 for help with your application in the following languages

**Press 1** for *Spanish*

**Press 2** for *Chinese*

**Press 3** for *Vietnamese*

**Press 4** for *Haitian Creole*

**Press 5** for *Cape Verdean Creole*

**Press 6** for *Somali*

**Press 7** for *Portuguese*

**Press 8** for *French*

**Press 9** for *Russian*

## STEP 5:

Visit [boston.gov/business-relief](https://www.boston.gov/business-relief) to submit your application and supporting documentation and be on the lookout for an email from our team.

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## Boston Main Street Foundation Grant

The Boston Main Streets Foundation is making \$200,000 available in \$1,000 grants. These are grants, not loans, In other words it's "Free Money." Now \$200,000 may sound like a lot of money, but it is only 200, \$1,000 grants. So I encourage you to apply ASAP. It is a short form, and it will only take you a few minutes to complete. If your business is in Grove Hall, I encourage you to apply for one of the \$1,000 grants. If the site is closed, it means they aren't taking any more applications at the moment, but try back as it will reopen when they receive additional funding.

The application will ask you if you are in a Main Street District and the email of your Main Street director. If you are in Grove Hall, you are in my district and my email is [ewgaskin@gmail.com](mailto:ewgaskin@gmail.com).

- Applications are now open - you can find all the links to applications in all languages on the BMSF website ([bostonmainstreets.org/covid/](https://www.bostonmainstreets.org/covid/)), or direct links to applications in each language below:
- English // **Apply Here:** <https://forms.gle/cBxZD7GoLx4a3TVb9>
- Spanish // **Aplicar aquí:** <https://forms.gle/dQBppPPJHm7wESeGA>

If your business is located somewhere else in the City of Boston, you can contact **Stephen Gilman**, at [stephen.gilman@boston.gov](mailto:stephen.gilman@boston.gov) or 617-635-0076 to find out who your Main Street Director is.

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