



CITY OF DECATUR ILLINOIS

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The City of Decatur is now accepting applications for the Decatur Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Round 3. The City was awarded \$1.2 Million from the DCEO CURE-ES program to provide to our small businesses and hospitality industry. **Applications will be accepted electronically beginning November 29th until 3:00 pm on December 10th** through the City of Decatur's website.

This grant is being made available to reimburse Decatur businesses for expenses incurred between March 1 and December 30, 2021 related outdoor dining expenses, PPE purchases, as well as mortgage/rent and utility relief. Hotels/motels, bars and restaurants, as well as other small businesses are encouraged to apply immediately online for this grant opportunity to help alleviate the financial constraint the COVID pandemic has had on businesses. Homebased businesses are not eligible. Businesses who have not received funding in Rounds 1 & 2 will be given priority.

For more information about the guidelines and qualifications and to apply online, visit <https://www.decaturl.gov/public-information/city-of-decaturl-covid-19-business-impact/>. If you have questions or concerns, please contact City staff at (217) 450-2350. The Decatur Small Business Rapid Relief Funds, are in addition to the small business assistance grants the City has provided to CICD to assist local businesses.

City of Decatur
Economic & Community Development Department
217-450-2350

**Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program Round 3
Utility Assistance**

The Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program for Utility—Gas/Electric reimbursement of up to \$10,000 for small businesses who have been hit hard by the Pandemic. Many businesses have had to close their doors entirely, as curbside dining and carryout options were not enough to cover their overhead costs. Expenses must have incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2021. The business and/or business owner must have a valid Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) or a valid social security number. Businesses must demonstrate the impact of COVID-19 through the most recent financial statements. The business must demonstrate it was established and in operation by December 31, 2019. Funding will be paid to the business owner and will be given on a first-come basis with priority given to businesses who have been COVID-19 compliant. Submission of an application is not a guarantee of financial assistance.

Grant funds must be used for:

- **Reimbursements for costs incurred for Utility Assistance—Gas/Electric**

Ineligible businesses:

- Businesses receiving other Covid-19 financial assistance (No duplication of benefits) i.e. BIG, PPP and EIDL, state or local assistance supported by the CARES Act. Child care facilities who received CCRG are excluded from this funding
- Businesses that owe the City any fees, fines, and taxes
- Independent contractors or freelance workers that do not operate a sole proprietorship;
- Any business that is listed on the SAM.gov debarred list;
- A private club or business that limits membership for reasons other than capacity;
- A business primarily engages in speculative activities that develop profits from fluctuations in price rather than through normal course of trade;
- A business that derives at least 33% of its gross annual revenue from legal gambling activities;
- A business engaged in pyramid sales, where a participant's primary incentive is based on the sales made an ever-increasing number of participants;
- A business engaged in activities that are prohibited by federal law or applicable law in the jurisdiction where the business is located or conducted. (Included in these activities is the production servicing, or distribution of otherwise legal products that are to be used about an illegal activity, such as selling drug paraphernalia or operating a motel that knowingly permits illegal prostitution);
- A business that derives a majority of its income as an owner of real property that leases that property to a tenant or tenants under a lease agreement;
- Homebased businesses;
- A business principally engaged in teaching, instructing, counseling, or indoctrinating religion or religious beliefs, whether in a religious or secular setting;
- A government-owned business entity (except for businesses owned or controlled by a Native American tribe);
- A business primarily engaged in political or lobbying activities;
- A business that manufactures or sells at wholesale, tobacco products, liquor or that manufactures or sells firearms at wholesale or retail;
- A night club or strip club;
- An employment agency;
- A pawn shop;
- A liquor store;
- A storage facility or trailer-storage yard or junk yard;
- An establishment like any enumerated above; or
- A business in which a majority owner has a financial or familial connection to a director, principal shareholder or leadership member of the Department of Department's partner under the program.
- Businesses which have a conflict of interest (COI) or appearance of a conflict of interest. COI may be a family member is on the city council, staff person, or a member of the grant review committee

Required documentation:

- Current bank statements/2020-21 Financial statements
- 2018 and 2019 Business Tax Return with attachments (including the Schedule C)
- Completed W-9
- Copy of 3 past utility bills and receipts
- Copy of lease and/or mortgage i.e. coupon book, lease agreement, payment receipt
- Businesses must demonstrate a loss of at least \$5,000 or show COVID related expenses of at least \$5,000
- Documentation which demonstrates the need for assistance: denied loan applications, delinquent notices or shut-off notices
- Licenses and Certificates, as required by local, county, and/or state
- Other Covid-19 assistance (funding source, time, and amount)

Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program Round 3 Mortgage/Rent

The Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program for Mortgage/Rent reimbursement of up to \$10,000 for small businesses who have been hit hard by the Pandemic. Many businesses have had to close their doors entirely, as curbside dining and carryout options were not enough to cover their overhead costs. Expenses must have incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2021. The business and/or business owner must have a valid Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) or a valid social security number. Businesses must demonstrate the impact of COVID-19 through the most recent financial statements. The business must demonstrate it was established and in operation by December 31, 2019. Funding will be paid to the business owner and will be given on a first-come basis with priority given to businesses who have been COVID-19 compliant. Submission of an application is not a guarantee of financial assistance.

Grant funds must be used for:

- **Reimbursements for costs incurred for mortgage/rent**

Ineligible businesses:

- Businesses receiving other Covid-19 financial assistance (No duplication of benefits) i.e. BIG, PPP and EIDL, state or local assistance supported by the CARES Act. Child care facilities who received CCRG are excluded from this funding
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- A business primarily engages in speculative activities that develop profits from fluctuations in price rather than through normal course of trade;
- A business that derives at least 33% of its gross annual revenue from legal gambling activities;
- A business engaged in pyramid sales, where a participant's primary incentive is based on the sales made an ever-increasing number of participants;
- A business engaged in activities that are prohibited by federal law or applicable law in the jurisdiction where the business is located or conducted. (Included in these activities is the production servicing, or distribution of otherwise legal products that are to be used about an illegal activity, such as selling drug paraphernalia or operating a motel that knowingly permits illegal prostitution);
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**Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program Round 3
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

The Small Business Rapid Relief Funds Program for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) reimbursement of up to \$6,000 for businesses who have been hit hard by the Pandemic. Many small businesses purchased extra personal protective equipment: i.e. gloves, masks, sanitizer, and the installation of shields on windows, and at checkout/payment areas, increased purchase of disinfectants, the hiring of local professional sanitization services. Expenses must have incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2021. The business and/or business owner(s) must have a valid Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) or a valid social security number. Businesses must demonstrate the impact of COVID-19 through the most recent financial statements. The business must demonstrate it was established and in operation by December 31, 2019. Funding will be paid to the business owner(s) and will be given on a first-come basis with priority given to businesses who have been COVID-19 compliant. Submission of an application is not a guarantee of financial assistance. **Grant funds must be used for: reimbursements for costs incurred for personal protective equipment (PPE)**

Ineligible businesses:

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