

# Arts and Entertainment Venue Relief Fund

## What is the Arts and Entertainment Venue Relief Fund?

The District is strategically investing \$8 million in the Arts and Entertainment Venue Relief Fund to provide financial relief to DC's arts and entertainment sector, which has suffered significant financial distress during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Arts and Entertainment Venue Relief Fund will provide grants to venues that generate income through ticket sales or nonprofit fundraising that bring audiences to their physical location for events, performances, shows, exhibitions, and concerts, and experienced at least a 30% decrease in revenue during the Public Health Emergency.

## What Types of Businesses are Eligible for the Venues Program?

- Event Venues
- Live Music Venues/Concert Halls
- Movie Theaters (movie theaters operated by companies that are publicly traded are not eligible)
- Museums (private institutions)
- Performance Venues
- Theaters

## Am I Eligible?

The Arts and Entertainment Venues Relief Fund will be open to businesses that meet the following criteria:

- Must be one of the eligible business types below
- Must be physically located in the District
- Must be currently in operation unless mandated otherwise by public health guidance
- Must demonstrate business has site control of the venue
- Must have an active DC Basic Business License and any active applicable ABRA License
- Must be able to demonstrate at least 30% loss of revenue during any consecutive three-month period between March 2020 and July 2021, compared to the same the time period in the year prior.
- For businesses that opened and began generating revenue after January 1, 2020, must be able to demonstrate a 30% decrease in revenue when comparing the worst consecutive three-month period to the best consecutive three-month period
- Businesses with a restaurant, tavern, or nightclub license must offer live performances at least three nights per week and pay performers
- Only one entity is eligible for each venue
- Venues operated by companies that are publicly traded are not eligible
- Businesses that are permanently closed and have taken steps to cease business operations under DCRA Corporate Divisions and OTR Guidelines are not eligible
- Businesses that receive dedicated District or federal tax revenue are not eligible
- Businesses that received an award from the Entertainment Bridge Grant and have not submitted closeout reports are not eligible

## What Documents Do I Need to Apply?

Before you start your application, please prepare the following documents:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 Tax Return   | <input type="checkbox"/> Active DC Basic Business License (Request <a href="#">here</a> )   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2019 Monthly Income Statement Showing Revenue less expenses   | <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Occupancy   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 Tax Return   | <input type="checkbox"/> All applicable active ABRA Licenses  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 Monthly Income Statement to date showing revenue less expenses with core expenses displayed clearly (rent, payroll, utilities) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lease or Deed  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2021 Monthly Income Statement to date showing revenue less expenses with core expenses displayed clearly (rent, payroll, utilities) | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Hands Certificate (dated within 90 days prior to application date, or no later than January 3, 2022) (Request <a href="#">here</a> ) |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Receipts for DCRA Business License & ABRA License renewals paid for in 2021 (Optional)   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Calendar of events (if a business with a restaurant, tavern, or nightclub license)   |

## Arts and Entertainment Venue Relief Fund Scenario Chart

Scenario	ELIGIBLE?
Owner of more than one venue (must submit separate application with unique EIN for each eligible venue)	✓
Business is a nonprofit performance venue such as a theater or concert hall	✓
Owner of a business that primarily holds ticketed events or performances	✓
Owner of a businesses that primarily raises money through a nonprofit for events or exhibitions	✓
Business is temporarily closed because of public health mandates	✓
Business was closed, but is now open and operating in a limited capacity	✓
Business is permanently closed	X
Venue is owned and operated by a company that is publicly traded	X
Venue receives dedicated tax revenue from the District or federal government	X
Venue with tavern license that offers live entertainment one night per week	X
Landlord of a sports and entertainment venue	X

### How Do I Apply?

The application will open on November 19, 2021 and close on December 21, 2021.

### Where Can I Find Assistance?

**For technical assistance with completing and submitting your application, contact:**

- [DC Main Streets Program](#)
- [Community-Based Organizations](#)

**For language translation assistance, contact:**

- Mayor's Office on Latino Affairs: (202) 671-2825
- Mayor's Office on African Affairs: (202) 727-5634
- Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs: (202) 727-3120
- Applicants who are hearing or vision impaired and need assistance may contact us at [aevrgrant@ledcmetro.org](mailto:aevrgrant@ledcmetro.org).

### Have Questions?

For all other inquiries related to the Arts and Entertainment Venue Relief Fund, contact [aevrgrant@ledcmetro.org](mailto:aevrgrant@ledcmetro.org).