



Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund Frequently Asked Questions

What is the last day I can apply for the Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund?

Permit holders are encouraged to apply by December 18 to ensure the funding request can be processed before the application closes on December 30, 2020.

For the Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund application, how should I enter my permit number?

Applicants should not use dashes or spaces when entering the permit number.

The website to create an OH|ID isn't working. When will it be available?

Due to great interest in the program, the OH|ID site was running slower than normal. We recommend using Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge, and Safari browsers to view the OH|ID site. Some users may experience issues using Internet Explorer and Firefox.

When I sign on, it won't allow me to proceed with the application because it says "Single Sign on Error" contact your Salesforce admin for help. Who is my Salesforce admin?

This issue is most prominent when the applicant is using Firefox. If applicants are using another browser and encounter this issue, they should clear their cache and browsing history to resolve.

Do I have to repay the grant?

No, the \$2,500 assistance payment does not need to be repaid. However, due to CARES Act requirements, businesses are required to use the funds on COVID-related expenses due to business interruptions caused by the pandemic.

I do not give myself a W-2. In the grant application, it asks how many W2 employees, so am I still eligible for assistance?

If you are applying for assistance from the Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund you do not need to report the number of W2 employees. You may mark this zero in the application.

In order to be eligible for the Small Business Relief Grant, businesses must have at least one but no more than 25 W2 employees.

Is the Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund available to businesses without employees?

Yes. Having employees is not a requirement for the \$2,500 assistance payment. Businesses must provide their permit number and FEIN number when applying for assistance. The application does capture this information, but applicants who enter zero are eligible to receive the funding.

Businesses must be an [on-premise liquor permit holder](#) to be eligible for the assistance. A list of eligible permits and more information about the fund can be found at businesshelp.ohio.gov.

If you are applying for the Small Business Relief Grant, you will need to provide the number of employees and the required documentation.

I was kicked off the site and not able to submit my application. Was my progress saved?

If the applicant saves the application or advances to the next page, the progress will be saved.

How do I know my application has been received?

Once the application has been submitted, the applicant will receive an email confirming successful submission. The text of the email is included below.

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This email confirms successful submission of your Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund application. Your Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund application is currently being processed, and a check will be sent to the address identified in your application. In the meantime, if you have questions, please direct your inquiries to SmallBizRelief@development.ohio.gov.

Thank you for your interest in the Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund.