

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Are all businesses eligible for the Restaurant Resiliency Fund (RRF)?

No. Only businesses that are categorized with NAICS codes 8121, 8122, 8123, 81210, 541940, and 812930. This includes Personal Service and Personal Care businesses.

What types of Personal Service businesses can apply?

Examples:

- Consumer buying services
- Wedding planning services
- Concierge services
- Consumer buying services
- House sitting services
- Identity theft protection services
- Life coach services
- Party planning services
- Personal organizer services
- Personal shopping services
- Photographic machine concession operators, coin-operated
- Shopping services, personal
- Singing telegram services
- Sitting services, house
- Telegram services, singing
- Wedding chapels (except churches)
- Wedding planning services
- Automobile parking garages or lots
- Garages, automobile parking
- Parking garages, automobile
- Parking lots, automobile
- Parking services, valet
- Valet parking services
- Animal grooming services
- Animal shelters
- Boarding services, pet
- Grooming services, animal
- Guard dog training services
- Guide dog training services
- Kennels, pet boarding
- Obedience training services, pet
- Pet boarding services
- Pet grooming services
- Pet sitting services
- Pet training services
- Sitting services, pet
- Industrial Launderers
- Linen Supply
- Diet and Weight Reducing Centers
- Car title and tag service
- Costume rental
- Debt counseling or adjustment service to individuals
- Wardrobe service, except theatrical
- Tuxedo rental
- Tattoo parlors
- Tanning salons

Ineligible Services Include:

- Bail bonding or bondsperson services
- Shoeshine services
- Coin-operated personal services machine (e.g., blood pressure, locker, photographic, scale, shoeshine) concession operators
- Social escort services

My Personal Service business is closed. Can I apply?

No. Your business must be in current operation.

I previously applied for this grant. Can I apply again?

Yes, please apply again. Additional funding has allowed us to grant additional awards.

Can I still apply for the Personal Services E-Business Grant if I've received funds from other financial programs?

Yes. Please be advised that priority will be given to applicants that **did not** receive a COVID-19 Business Relief Grant or Loan from the Maryland Department of Commerce.

If my business received a Prince George's County Business Relief Initiative Grant in 2020 am I eligible to apply?

Yes, you are eligible to apply.

What expenses can be covered by the Personal Services E-Business Grant program?

Expenses incurred as a result of improving business online sales can be covered. For example, if your business purchased computers after March 9, 2020 in order to maintain business continuity, this would be a covered expense. Additionally, if your business already had online capabilities, but you upgraded your software in order to enhance appointments or scheduling features, this would be a covered expense. Another example could be, if your business did not have an online presence, but you started a website and paid for web design and features, this could be a covered expense.

- Website Development/ Enhancements
- Target Marketing
- Establish E-Commerce Functionality
- App Integration

*Please note: Cost for general equipment or infrastructure improvements like plumbing, electrical or general interior improvements/repair are not eligible.

If I own multiple Personal Service businesses, can I apply for each location?

Yes. Each application must have a separate federal tax ID and address.

What type of business entities can apply for the grant?

Limited Liability Company (LLC), Partnership, Corporation or Sole Proprietorship

What type of organization documents am I required to submit?

Limited Liability Company or LLC - A business organized as a limited liability company must provide the following: Operating Agreement, with all amendments.

Partnership (General and Limited) - A business organized as a general or limited partnership must provide the following: Partnership Agreement, with all amendments.

Corporation - A business organized as a corporation must provide the following: Bylaws, with all amendments.

Sole Proprietor - An unincorporated business that has just one owner must provide: history of operations and provide supporting documentation (i.e- form 1040 US Individual Tax Return, Schedule C)

I am a sole proprietor, what type of organization documents do I need to provide?

If a business is a sole proprietor, 1099 or independent contractor, they must substantiate that they are a business. This can be substantiated by providing a copy of the trade registration documents (if a trade name is used) or a business EIN Number (Federal Tax ID Number). The business must be in good standing with the State of Maryland as a Certificate of Good Standing is required for approval.

If you are a sole proprietor that is not registered with the State of Maryland and therefore do not have a Certificate of Good Standing, upload a statement stating “as a sole proprietor, the business is not required to be registered with the State of Maryland”. The application portal will not allow you to submit your application without an attachment.

Will I have to pay taxes on the grant that my business receives?

Grant funds may be reported as taxable income to the businesses. IRS 1099 Forms will be issued to each grant recipient.

How do I know if I am approved and when will funds be distributed?

You will receive an email from the processing team notifying you of your award. Upon notification, you will need to sign a Grant Agreement and submitted the required document. The terms of the Grant Agreement are non-negotiable. The funds will be electronically deposited through an ACH bank payment by December 1, 2021.

Is my business required to have a physical brick and mortar Prince George's County location to be eligible for the Personal Services E-Business Grant?

No, a physical (brick & mortar) location for your business is not required. Many businesses in the Personal Service(s) industry operate as independent contractors or perform services on location.