



## Get Entertainment Bridge Fund Ready

### What is the Entertainment Bridge Fund?

To meet the existing and future coronavirus (COVID-19) related needs for DC's businesses, the District is strategically investing in The Bridge Fund to sustain the hospitality, entertainment, and retail industries and mitigate the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on workers and businesses. The Entertainment Bridge Fund aims to provide \$29.5 million in financial relief to the entertainment industry that has experienced significant economic distress since the beginning of the public health emergency. The fund is comprised of two programs: (1) Venue Program that will support DC's entertainment venues, and (2) Supporting Business Program that will support entertainment businesses that do not have site control of a venue but their activities heavily rely on live events. This document describes requirements for the Venues program. Information about the supporting businesses program will be shared in January 2021.

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

- Live Music Venues/Concert Halls
- Billiard Parlor
- Bowling Alleys
- Event Venues
- Movie Theaters
- Museums (private institutions)
- Nightclubs
- Bars (with Tavern License & earned less than 25% of revenue from food sales in 2019)
- Performance Venues
- Skating Rinks
- Specialty Experience Venues
- Theaters
- Arenas

### Am I Eligible?

The Entertainment Bridge Fund Venues Program will be open to businesses that meet the following criteria:

- Must be physically located in the District
- Must be a business that operates a venue in one of the eligible business types above.
- Must demonstrate business has site control of the venue
- Must be able to demonstrate at least 50% loss of revenue during the public health emergency
- Must have a DC Basic Business License and any applicable ABRA License dated as of January 1, 2020.
- Businesses that are permanently closed and have taken steps to cease business operations under DCRA Corporate Divisions and OTR Guidelines are ineligible.
- Businesses that receive dedicated District or federal tax revenue are not eligible

### What Documents Do I Need to Apply?

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

- 2019 Tax Return or Form 990 (Nonprofits only)
- 2019 Monthly Income Statement Showing Revenue less expenses'
- 2020 Monthly Income Statement to date showing revenue less expenses with core expenses displayed clearly (rent, payroll, utilities)
- DC Basic Business License (Request [here](#))
- Certificate of Occupancy
- All applicable (ABRA) Licenses as of January 1, 2020
- Lease, Deed, or Landlord Affidavit
- Clean Hands Certificate (dated within 90 days prior to application date, or 30 days after award) (Request [here](#))
- Receipts for DCRA Business License & ABRA License renewals paid for in 2020 (Optional)

## Entertainment Bridge Fund Venue Program Scenario Chart

Scenario	ELIGIBLE?
Owners of more than one entertainment venue or businesses (must submit separate application for each business)	✓
My business is a nonprofit performance venue such as a theater or concert hall	✓
Business is incorporated in another state, but main business office location is in DC	✓
My business is temporarily closed	✓
My business was closed, but now I am operating in a limited capacity	✓
I am a venue operator. I either rent the venue space that I operate or I own the venue.	✓
My business is permanently closed	✗
My business is not located in Washington DC, but hosts events in DC	✗
My business receives dedicated tax revenue from the District or federal government.	✗
I have a tavern license but generate more than 25% of revenue in food sales.	✗
I am a landlord of sports and entertainment business venue.	✗

### How Do I Apply?

The application will open on December 21, 2020 and close on January 11, 2021. The application along with an Application Guide and FAQs will be posted on [The Bridge Fund page](#).

### 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 [retailbridgefund@dc.gov](mailto:retailbridgefund@dc.gov).

### Have Questions?

For all other inquiries related to the Entertainment Bridge Fund, contact: [entertainmentbridgefund@dc.gov](mailto:entertainmentbridgefund@dc.gov).

### About Entertainment Bridge Fund - Supporting Businesses Program

The Supporting Businesses Program will open on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Full details of this program will be released at that time. Below are the types of businesses that will be eligible for that fund:

- Audio & Visual Rental
- Event Equipment Rental
- Event Photographer
- Event Planners
- Event Producers
- Event Production Companies
- Lighting Companies
- Talent Booking Agency
- Tour Companies
- Performance Art Companies
- Event Promoters