



Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund

Overview

The Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund is designed to assist Ohio's on-premise liquor permit holders. This \$38.7 million fund will help more than 15,400 licensees significantly impacted by COVID-19 and limited in the full use of their liquor permit. Funding for the program is from the CARES Act.

Eligible Businesses

The Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control has more than 15,000 permit holders that qualify for the assistance fund. This applies to roughly 30 permit types, including bars, restaurants, breweries, distilleries, wineries, casinos and private clubs. They include:

A1	A1A	A1C	A2	A2F	D1	D2	D2X	D3	D3A
D4	D4A	D5	D5A	D5B	D5C	D5D	D5E	D5F	D5G
D5H	D5I	D5J	D5K	D5L	D5M	D5N	D5O	D7	

These permit holders need to have had an active on-premise permit as of close-of-business October 23, 2020. The business does not have to be currently open but must have an active liquor license. You can check the status of your liquor permit [here](#). If it's active, it will be listed as "issued."

After applying, a licensee will receive \$2,500 per unique business location.

Application Process

Visit BusinessHelp.Ohio.Gov to access the online application. Licensees must present their FEIN or SSN, and liquor permit number and address for each unique location at time of application. The Department of Taxation will confirm all entries. The Ohio Department of Administrative Services will be sending checks to permit holders as soon as applications are processed.

Once money is received, per CARES Act stipulation, businesses are to use the funds on COVID-related expenses due to business interruptions caused by the pandemic. Applications will be accepted through December 30, 2020. Funds cannot be distributed after Dec. 31, 2020.

Funding Update

As of December 7, 2020, more than 8,200 Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund applications have been submitted of the 15,487 permits eligible. The following chart contains the permits submitted and the total permits eligible by county as of December 7, 2020.

County	Permits Submitted	Permits Eligible
Adams	3	5
Allen	72	128
Ashland	28	56
Ashtabula	93	171
Athens	55	93
Auglaize	39	71
Belmont	57	98
Brown	16	44
Butler	243	458
Carroll	14	20
Champaign	20	35
Clark	72	140
Clermont	83	167
Clinton	19	38
Columbiana	70	125
Coshocton	29	34
Crawford	26	54
Cuyahoga	1,114	2,042
Darke	37	65
Defiance	34	47
Delaware	143	185
Erie	132	234
Fairfield	82	150
Fayette	18	31
Franklin	1,042	1,897
Fulton	36	50
Gallia	17	27
Geauga	69	113
Greene	90	183
Guernsey	31	42
Hamilton	710	1,396
Hancock	48	91
Hardin	18	32
Harrison	13	21
Henry	27	40
Highland	10	30
Hocking	18	32
Holmes	16	24
Huron	41	69
Jackson	14	26
Jefferson	47	96
Knox	32	64
Lake	223	360
Lawrence	14	25

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Licking	102	181
Logan	26	59
Lorain	185	338
Lucas	322	632
Madison	21	39
Mahoning	194	361
Marion	39	59
Medina	117	203
Meigs	8	14
Mercer	59	87
Miami	66	112
Monroe	12	19
Montgomery	323	643
Morgan	10	11
Morrow	11	23
Muskingum	44	95
Noble	8	12
Ottawa	113	165
Paulding	11	17
Perry	22	48
Pickaway	29	51
Pike	7	20
Portage	129	196
Preble	18	39
Putnam	40	57
Richland	87	159
Ross	31	67
Sandusky	42	66
Scioto	30	57
Seneca	54	93
Shelby	34	58
Stark	280	472
Summit	450	780
Trumbull	177	275
Tuscarawas	75	144
Union	34	54
Van Wert	19	24
Vinton	3	9
Warren	114	222
Washington	33	68
Wayne	52	95
Williams	25	36
Wood	113	176
Wyandot	23	42