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THE STATE OF GEORGIA

Hotel Relief Program

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Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Fiscal Recover Funds, the Hotel Relief Grant Program will provide direct aid to hotels who can demonstrate a negative economic impact of COVID-19. A total of \$150 million will be allocated for the establishment of an economic recovery fund for hotels impacted by COVID-19.

Application Period: May 15, 2023- Until Funding is Expended

Program Total: \$150,000,000

Award Amount: Varies (5% of demonstrated revenue loss of 15% or greater)



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Grantee Type: Beneficiary

If the recipient is providing funds to the individual or entity for the purpose of directly benefitting the individual or entity as a result of experiencing a public health impact or negative economic impact of the pandemic, the individual or entity is acting as a beneficiary. Acting as a beneficiary, the individual or entity is not subject to subrecipient monitoring and reporting requirements. (Treasury Final Rule)



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Eligibility:

- You are eligible for grant funds if you meet the following criteria.
- You are a hotel or bed-and-breakfast with NAICS Code 721110 or 721191.
- You are in good standing with the state of Georgia's Secretary of State's Office.
- You are located within the state of Georgia.
- You are subject to the accommodations tax.
- You were established prior to April 2019.
- You can demonstrate negative impact of COVID-19 by providing federal income tax return showing 15% or greater reduction in revenue adjusted for COVID-19 costs in 2020 over 2019. (You can provide FEIN, W9, and a federal and state return from calendar year 2019 and 2020.)
- You do not owe any state taxes.



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Eligible Applicants must demonstrate the negative impact of COVID-19 by providing:

- a) A summary of your changes in EBITDA from 2019 to 2020 and narrative on what contributed to the changes in EBITDA from 2019 to 2020.
- b) List of COVID-19 relief funds received by your organization (local, state, and federal) and enter amount received and how these funds were used to address the impact of COVID-19 on the organization.
- c) Information on an existing operational gap after receiving relief funds.



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Eligible Use of Funds:

Funds will be awarded for operational costs associated with maintaining and running a property based on the demonstrated loss incurred by the hotel or bed-and-breakfast. Examples of operational costs include but are not limited to rent, insurance, wages, utility costs, sales and accounting, marketing, and travel agent commissions.

Unallowable uses:

- Property and other taxes
- Lobbying
- Debt service
- To replenish financial reserves
- To satisfy any obligation resulting from a judgment or settlement



Application

- 2019 and 2020 federal and state tax returns
- 2019 and 2020 sales and use tax
- COVID-19 relief
 - Payment Protection Program (PPP)
 - Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)
 - SBA Express Bridge Loans
 - SBA Debt Relief
 - Other (Included Grants)
- Questions and narrative
- Vendor Management
- Uploads of supporting documents
- Trade Secret Affidavit



Application

- The authorized official must sign and attest to the information in the application.
- One application per entity location (EIN)
 - Sales and Use Tax Return
- Award timing based on the volume of applications
- Applications must be marked as complete and submitted



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Program Website: <https://opb.georgia.gov/hotel-relief-program>

Application Link: <https://opb.smapply.io/> (May 15, 2023)