



Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

Rhode Island Indoor Sports Venue Support Fund

A grant program to help indoor sports facilities recover the costs of business interruption stemming from COVID-caused required closures

1. Is this grant program taxable?
 - a. For more information and guidance regarding whether receipt of funds through this grant program are taxable, the IRS has an FAQ on the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund, available here <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/cares-act-coronavirus-relief-fund-frequently-asked-questions>.
2. What is a DUNS number and how do I get one?
 - a. If your business does not already have one, you will need to apply for a DUNS number, which is a unique nine-digit identifier for businesses. The DUNS number is a required question on the grant application. This free identifier is available at <https://www.dnb.com/duns-number/get-a-duns.html>.
3. Do I have to include names and contact information for rentals/reservations in order for my application to be considered?
 - a. Yes. This grant program is funded through the Federal CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund, which requires documentation of business interruption due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Providing the names and contact information for those rentals or reservations which were canceled due to the temporary closure will allow the Department to ensure that businesses who are awarded a grant meet the necessary federal requirements. A small sample size of rentals and reservations may be verified to establish the accuracy of an application.
4. My business has more than one facility impacted by Executive Order 20-90, section 34. Can I apply for multiple grant awards?
 - a. Yes. A grant application for each facility eligible under this grant program may be submitted. Each facility business location is considered a separate facility for this grant program.
5. My business establishment has a fitness center, outdoor fields, and/or other revenue generating activities that were not subject to temporary closure from Executive Order 20-90, section 34. Can I still apply to this grant program for losses related to prohibited activities?
 - a. Yes. This grant program will only replace revenue lost for those activities temporarily closed by this Executive Order. Revenue lost for activities not subject to this Executive Order are not eligible for this grant program.
6. When will I receive notice about the status of my grant application?
 - a. All applicants will receive notification via email about the outcome of the review process. Grant applicants that submit incomplete applications will be notified and given 24-hours from the point of that notification to update and correct their application.
7. Will a list be made public naming each applicant and the grant amount that each applicant received?
 - a. Yes, a list of approved grants will be published at the conclusion of this program.
8. Who can I contact if I have any questions regarding this grant, including about my application, qualifications, or award?
 - a. Questions may be directed to Kimberly.McNulty@dem.ri.gov.