

RI Rebounds Hospitality, Tourism, and Events Grant Program Get Ready to Apply: Hotels, Travel Agents, and Tour Guides

The RI Rebounds Hospitality, Tourism, and Events Grant Program provides grants for businesses and organizations that suffered significant negative impacts – generally greater than 35% revenue loss for 2021 as compared to 2019 for purposes of the program – caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are steps you can complete to get ready to apply:

Is your business eligible?

- Confirm you are one of the following:** hotel, travel agent, or tour guide/tour operator. Note: AirBnb operators and vacation rental operators are not eligible at this time.
- Was your business/organization operating in Rhode Island before January 27, 2020?**
- Did your business/organization experience a COVID-related revenue loss in 2021 of at least 35% relative to 2019?** If established from Jan. 1 to Jan. 26, 2020, use Jan. and Feb. 2021 “gross receipts or sales” for 2021 RI “gross receipts or sales” and Jan. and Feb. 2020 “gross receipts or sales” for 2019 RI “gross receipts or sales.” If established in 2019, you will be instructed to annualize your 2019 revenue.
 - 2019 gross receipts or sales: _____ (A)
 - 2021 gross receipts or sales: _____ (B)
 - Revenue loss 2021 vs. 2019: _____ (C: A minus B)
 - Percentage revenue loss 2021 vs. 2019: _____ (C divided by A)
- Confirm you meet other eligibility criteria.** A full list is available at commerceri.com/ri-rebounds.
 - Sole proprietors: annual business revenue makes up at least 20% of your total annual income.
 - Business is NOT a publicly traded business/organization or a business/organization that is majority owned by a publicly traded company.
 - Business is currently open and operating, is NOT in or considering federal bankruptcy or state receivership, and is NOT on the federal do not pay list.

Calculate 2021 net financial need and retain backup documentation

- To calculate revenue loss**, visit <https://commerceri.com/ri-rebounds/hospitality-tourism-and-events-grant-program/> to use a calculator tool (coming soon). You will need:
 - Revenue loss information.** Please prepare to submit documentation of 2019 and 2021 “gross receipts or sales”. For most, this will be done by collecting tax returns for 2019 and 2021. If you have not yet filed your 2021 taxes, this may include a point-of-sale (POS) system export or screenshot; a general ledger or accounting software report (e.g., a profit and loss statement from an accounting software like Quickbooks, Freshbooks, Xero) that shows annual revenue. If you haven’t filed your taxes and do not have a point-of-sale, general ledger, or accounting system, please contact Commerce RI or work with your tax professional or a technical assistance provider to discuss documentation options.
 - A list of COVID-related financial assistance you received in 2021.** These may include Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Restore RI Grant Program, RI Small Business Relief Grant Program, RI Commerce HART Direct Support or ESR, RI Commerce Business Adaptation, Pause Grant, RI Rebounds Small Business Grant, etc.
 - List and documentation of COVID-related increased costs or expenses** (if provided on the application). Documentation may include receipts, invoices, bank statements, etc.

Begin federally required registration process

Applicants are required to have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number and be registered with SAM.gov in order to receive a grant. A DUNS number and SAM.gov registration are NOT required to begin or submit the application. However, we recommend you begin these early to avoid delays in receiving your grant.

- Check to see if you already have a DUNS.** For additional information, [click here](#).
- Request a DUNS number** if you do not already have one. For additional information, [click here](#).
- Confirm or create your SAM.gov registration.** For additional information, [click here](#). Please note you will need a DUNS number to complete your SAM.gov registration.

Need Help?

If you need assistance completing this application or would like translation or interpretation services, please visit <https://commerceri.com/ri-rebounds/hospitality-tourism-and-events-grant-program/> to connect to a partner who can help you complete the application.

Apply Online

Applications will be accepted online from Wednesday, March 16, 2022, to Wednesday, April 6, 2022. Please check <https://commerceri.com/ri-rebounds/hospitality-tourism-and-events-grant-program/> for more information.