

Small Business Resources and Grant Assistance

GENERAL RESOURCES

Main Street America

<https://www.mainstreet.org/howwecanhelp/resourcecenter/covid19resources>

Main Street America works to build stronger communities through preservation-based economic development. It sponsors more than 1,000 designated programs to improve local economies and enhance quality of life across the country. It has added a COVID Resources page and hosts a series of webinars related to the crisis.

Dr. Lucy Jones Center for Science and Society

<http://drlucyjonescenter.org/covid-19-small-business-virtual-forum-los-angeles/>

Providing COVID Community Support Forums and webinars for businesses.

Small Business Majority

<https://smallbusinessmajority.org/covid-19-daily-updates-for-small-businesses>

Small Business Majority is a national small business advocacy organization, founded and run by small business owners to ensure America's entrepreneurs are a key part of a thriving and inclusive economy. Offers several webinars and resources for funding.

GRANTS

Facebook Grants

<https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/grants>

Facebook grants will go to about 30,000 businesses spread across 30 countries where Facebook has employees, including the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area.

Verizon Grant Program

<https://www.lisc.org/covid-19/verizon-small-business-recovery-fund/>

Verizon has pledged a \$2.5 million investment toward grants to help small businesses fill urgent financial gaps until they can resume normal operations or until other more permanent financing becomes available. *Note:* second round of funding will open "in mid-April" per the website

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GlobalGiving

<https://www.globalgiving.org/red-backpack-fund-faq/>

The period for the first round of applications is now closed, but GlobalGiving will accept additional applications on May 4, June 1, July 6, and August 3. Grants are awarded to majority women-owned businesses and nonprofits with annual revenues less than \$5M, at least one additional paid employee, and fewer than 50 individuals on staff. Sole proprietors are not currently eligible to apply.

Hello Alice

<https://www.covid19businesscenter.com/>

Hello Alice is offering \$10,000 grants being distributed immediately to small business owners impacted by coronavirus, as part of our broader mission to ensure Business for All. In addition to funding, grant recipients will receive ongoing support from the Hello Alice community.

RESTAURANT ASSISTANCE AND GRANTS

James Beard Foundation

<https://www.jamesbeard.org/>

- Regular Webinars focused on the restaurant/hospitality industry vis-à-vis COVID-19
https://www.jamesbeard.org/industry-support-webinars?utm_source=Industry+Updates+During+COVID-19
- Relief Fund for Industry employees
<https://www.jamesbeard.org/relief>

Restaurants Care – Part of California Restaurants Association Foundation (CRAF)

<https://calrestfoundation.org/whoweare/>

- Industry related Webinars: <https://www.calrest.org/coronavirus-resources#webinars>
- Restaurants Care Grants for employees impacted by COVID
<https://restaurantscare.org/>

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One Fair Wage Emergency Fund

<https://ofwemergencyfund.org/>

One Fair Wage is a national coalition, campaign, and organization seeking to lift millions of tipped and subminimum wage workers nationally out of poverty.

Hosting virtual Town Halls for industry employees on Facebook, e.g. this one scheduled for California restaurants on Wed, April 15:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/213661816743720/>

Children of Restaurant Employees (CORE)

www.Coregives.org and <https://coregives.org/covid-19/>

CORE is a national nonprofit organization that is dedicated to granting support to food & beverage service employees with children, who are experiencing circumstances such as a major medical diagnosis of a parent or child, death of a parent or child, or loss of home due to a natural disaster.

National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation – Employee Relief Fund

<https://rerf.us/>

The **Restaurant Employee Relief Fund** (“Fund”) was created to help restaurant industry employees experiencing extraordinary hardship in the wake of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak.

Industry United

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Industryunited>

Industry United is a private Facebook group dedicated to informing and educating the restaurant industry about the COVID-19 outbreak. It is a place to ask questions pertaining to your restaurant, staff, safety and general information. Open for industry employees and professionals to join.

Restaurants Opportunities Centers United

<https://rocunited.org/stop-the-spread/coronavirus-support/>

Long list of resources for employees and employers in the restaurant industry