

## COVID-19 UPDATE (Vol 13)

### Ontario Government Business Supports for COVID-19 Costs

The Ontario government is offering 3 programs to support small business coping with COVID-19:

1. The Ontario Small Business Support Grant
2. Ontario's Main Street Relief Grant, and
3. Property Tax and Energy Cost Rebates

Here is a quick summary, and a link to the Ontario government's web site, including links to apply to the various programs. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs#section-0>

#### Ontario Small Business Support Grant

What you Get	From \$10,000 per business up to a maximum of \$20,000
Who is Eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required to close or restrict services subject to the Provincewide Shutdown effective 12:01 a.m. on December 26th.</li> <li>• &lt; 100 employees at the enterprise level</li> <li>• Minimum 20% revenue decline comparing April 2020 to April 2019 revenues. New business established after April 2019 must meet other eligibility criteria</li> </ul>
Who is Not Eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Businesses required to close prior to the introduction of modified Stage 2 measures on October 10, 2020.</li> <li>• Essential business permitted to operate with capacity restrictions (e.g., discount and big box stores selling groceries, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, pharmacies, and beer, wine, and liquor stores).</li> </ul>
Accepted Uses	No restrictions. Could be used to pay employees or maintain inventory level or as otherwise needed.
How to Apply	Directly through the government's website (and it is open now for applications!) <a href="https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/msrf/#/">https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/msrf/#/</a>
Process	Complete the online application, providing required information; attest to the information provided, and hopefully receive the payment in approximately 10 business days.

#### Ontario's Main Street Relief Grant PPE

What you Get	One-time grant of up to \$1,000 to offset costs of PPE.
Who is Eligible?	Businesses with 2 – 9 employees in one of the following sectors: retail; accommodation and food services; repair and maintenance; personal and laundry services; and gyms and yoga studios.
How to Apply	<a href="https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/msrf/#/">https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/msrf/#/</a>
Process	Online application

### Property Tax & Energy Cost Rebates

What you Get	From \$10,000 per business up to a maximum of \$20,000
Who is Eligible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any business eligible for Ontario Small Business Support Grant (first program above)</li> <li>Eligible businesses in regions that are/ were subject to (1) Control restrictions or previously modified Stage 2 restrictions or; (2) Lockdown measures in the previous <a href="#">COVID-19 response framework: keeping Ontario safe and open</a>; or (3) the current Provincewide Shutdown measures.</li> <li>Eligible types of businesses are listed at <a href="https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs#section-4">https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs#section-4</a></li> </ul>
Who is Not?	<p>Businesses will not be eligible if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Within the areas subject to public health restrictions but were not required to close or significantly restrict services.</li> <li>Owned by the federal, provincial, or a municipal government, or by a person holding federal or provincial office.</li> </ul>
How to Apply	<p>Directly through the government's website (and it is open now for applications!)</p> <p><a href="https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/msrf/#/">https://www.app.grants.gov.on.ca/msrf/#/</a></p>
Process	Online application. Could receive rebates for costs already incurred for duration of time for specific restrictions.

**In the case of the latter two programs, you will need your receipts in order to complete your online applications.**