

Restore and Reopen Program

A grant program for Philadelphia small businesses impacted by civil unrest

Goal: To provide grants to small, independently-owned businesses that have suffered property damage, vandalism or inventory losses during the recent civil unrest — with a focus on businesses in historically disadvantaged communities.

Eligibility:

Businesses must:

- Occupy a storefront, retail, or commercial space physically located in Philadelphia. This includes kiosks.
- Have experienced more than \$500 in damage during civil unrest between May 30, 2020 and time of application.
- Be independently-owned; franchises are eligible only if independently-owned.
- Earn annual revenue of less than \$2 million at the impacted location.
- Be in compliance with all local, state, and federal taxes (or on an approved payment plan).
- Have required federal, state, and local licenses and permits to legally operate.

Program Priorities:

Due to limited funding, the Restore and Reopen grant program will prioritize businesses that:

- Are located in historically disadvantaged communities.
- Employ local residents.

Where and How to Apply:

- Applications will be available online at merchantsfund.org, beginning Monday, June 22 after 1 p.m.
- Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, June 28.
- Applications will be evaluated beginning Monday, June 29, **not** as they are received.

What You'll Need to Apply:

- Basic information about your business, such as: type and structure of business, annual revenue, number of employees, and number of employees hired locally.
- Description of the damage incurred during the specific time period.
- Estimated cost of repair for the damage incurred during the specified time period.
- Photos of all damage reported, or a report from the Philadelphia Police Department.
- If you have insurance, a basic understanding of coverages and out of pocket expenses relating to the damage.

If Business Owners Need Assistance:

- [Various community partners](#) can provide free assistance to businesses who may need help completing the application. This includes language translation services, technological support, and help with documenting damage. These organizations can apply on your behalf, with your consent.
- Other questions about the Restore and Reopen program should be directed to the City of Philadelphia's Department of Commerce hotline, which is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.:
 - Email: business@phila.gov
 - Phone: 215-683-2100