

Applications for ROUND 1 are NOW OPEN! Close November 2, 2021

\$5,000 GRANTS FOR 5,000 BUSINESSES IN THE CITY OF LA COMEBACK CHECKS PROGRAM

The Comeback Checks Program will provide \$5,000 grants to approximately 5,000 businesses in the City of Los Angeles. Grant recipients will be selected through a weighted lottery process, with final awards based on availability of funds, program guidelines, submission of all required information, and supporting documentation. Grant funds may only be used for allowable costs incurred on or after March 3, 2021.

The City of Los Angeles has allocated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to provide grants to eligible microenterprises and small businesses in need of economic support due to the COVID-19 pandemic's negative impact. \$25 million will be disbursed through the Comeback Checks Program to assist the strong and equitable economic recovery within the City.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q1: If I have multiple businesses, can I apply for each business?

A: In order to ensure that these grant funds reach as many business owners as possible, at this time we will only be considering one application from owners of multiple businesses.

Q2: Are franchise businesses eligible to apply?

A: Only locally owned franchises are eligible for Comeback Checks and Rental Assistance grant awards. Nationally or regionally owned franchises are not eligible.

For more FAQs about the application process & eligibility, visit: ComebackChecksLA.com

Q3: I applied in a round, how do I find out the status of my application?

A: Applicants that are not selected as finalists at the end of round one will not need to reapply. Eligible businesses will automatically be enrolled in rounds two and three.

Q4: My business is located outside the City of L.A. boundaries, what are my options?

A: If your business is in the County of Los Angeles, but outside of the City of Los Angeles, visit LACOVIDfund.org to sign-up for email notifications on future County of LA grant opportunities.

To apply, visit: ComebackChecksLA.com



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Q5: Will there be additional documentation required?

A: Yes, if your business is selected as a finalist, you will be notified via email by our processing partner Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF). As a finalist, you will be required to upload additional documentation to a secured online portal.

Documentation includes:

- 2019 or 2020 Federal Tax Return Business
- 2019 or 2020 Federal Tax Return Individual
- Color Copy of Government Issued ID (ex. Driver License)
- Voided Check (Business account)

In addition, Applicants will be asked to electronically sign (via DocuSign) the following documents:

- W-9 Form
- ACH Authorization Form
- Comeback Checks Grant Agreement

NOTE – Being selected as a finalist does not guarantee a grant will be awarded. Application information and submitted documents will be reviewed to ensure they meet program eligibility requirements.

For more FAQs about documentation & funding usage, visit: ComebackChecksLA.com



Need Help with the Application Process?

The City's nine
BusinessSource Centers
are available to assist
prospective applicants.

Visit:

to find the location nearest you!

You may also email **EWDD-Programs@lacity.org** or call 213-744-7130 with any additional questions.





