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TO: All District Three Constituents
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Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Program – Reopens \$20 Million for Community Center Funding

Restaurant Program

Applications are now available for the reopening of the **Local Restaurant Infrastructure Investment Program**.

Under the program, eligible New Hampshire restaurants can be reimbursed for eligible equipment, infrastructure, and technology purchases made because of, or in response to, the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding is provided under the **American Rescue Plan Act and the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and is capped at \$15,000**.

Among the eligibility requirements are that the restaurants have been operating since March 20, 2020; are actively paying Meals and Rooms taxes to the state as a food service establishment; have annual gross receipts at, or below, \$20 million in tax year 2021, and be submitting expenses only for New Hampshire locations.

Applications are available through the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) and are due by 4 pm, January 11, 2023, via the GOFERR grant portal. For more information on eligibility requirements and to obtain an application, click [here](#).

New Hampshire's restaurant industry employs more than **47,000 at more than 3,100 establishments** across the state. The pandemic closures - coupled with the labor shortage - have resulted in unprecedented challenges for the restaurant industry. I am proud to support phase two of this necessary funding program. Please contact me with any questions via 603-498-0546 or email.

\$20 million for Community Centers

At the October 19, 2022, I proudly supported the acceptance and expenditure of **\$20 million in ARPA SFRF to support our state's network of community centers**. The Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery is working with the Community Development Finance Authority to finalize the program with the goal of launching early 2023. Maximum award per facility is \$1 million with a match requirement. Please call me with questions.

Examples of eligible projects that could be funded:

- Rehabilitating/upgrading physical and outdoor programming space;
- Facility expansion;
- Air quality improvement and or ventilation upgrades (HVAC); and
- Other investments that improve the health and safety of the center.

#49 Authorize to accept and expend funds in the amount not to exceed \$20,022,503 in American Rescue Plan Act State Fiscal Recovery Funds for a Community Center Investment Program that will provide funding to centers that enables investment in equipment, capital infrastructure, and other costs as they adapt to the effects of the COVID-19 health crisis and continue to offer essential services. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds. Contingent upon Fiscal Committee approval on October 14, 2022.**

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