

# Safest Outside Restaurant Assistance Program (SORAP)

## Frequently Asked Questions

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#### **Eligible Applicants:**

#### **1. Who is eligible to receive an award from the Safest Outside Restaurant Assistance Program?**

- Licensed bar or restaurant legally operating in Arizona and complying with all COVID-19 related executive orders. Must be open to the general public and in good standing with the Corporation Commission.
  - With fewer than 50 employees
- Must demonstrate a new extension of premises that has been approved by the local governing body and approved by the Arizona Department of Liquor Licensing and Control (if applicable). A new extension of premises is any outdoor expansion that increased the outdoor square footage of the restaurant premises that opened for service on or after October 1, 2020.

#### **2. Can I receive other assistance from another entity and still apply for the SORAP for the same expenditures?**

No, you must not have received other federal, state, or local monies explicitly for the same eligible expenditures

#### **Eligible Expenses:**

#### **3. What are the eligible expenses under SORAP?**

Eligible expenses include:

- Outdoor furniture, barriers, patio heaters, parklets, or other physical infrastructure used to create the extended premises.
- Eligible expenditures must occur after December 1, 2020
- Must not have received other federal, state, or local monies explicitly for the same eligible expenditures
- Must have approval and plan to extend the premises for a minimum of three months
- May include funding for multiple restaurant locations

### **Funding:**

- 4. Is there a cost share/match requirement associated with this grant program?**  
No, there is no cost share (match) associated with the program.
- 5. Is the source of this funding Federal?**  
No, this is **State** money from the Crisis Contingency and Safety Net Fund
- 6. Is this a loan, federal assistance, or something else?**  
This is a grant governed by the Arizona grant procurement code and statutes.
- 7. How is the money allocated (award amounts determined)?**  
Applicants may receive one grant for up to \$10,000. Grants are reviewed on a first come, first serve basis.

### **Online Application Portal Questions:**

- 8. Can we create multiple accounts using the same email address**  
No, the profile is unique to the specific email address utilized.

### **Application Questions:**

- 9. Is the max award of \$10K per location or per applicant? Could one applicant get \$40K for 4 locations?**  
The grant program has a \$10,000 cap per applicant. If the applicant has multiple restaurant locations, the company may use the funding at multiple locations but the award will not exceed \$10,000.
- 10. What information is needed in the budget?**  
Applicants should include the total amount of their request in the budget. The total amount can be added under the “equipment”, “supplies” or “other” category.
- 11. What is the minimum information needed on the ACH form?**  
Page 2 of the ACH form has the instructions to complete the form. All fields available for input must be completed

### **Grant Notification/Award Process:**

- 12. How soon after application submission, will we be notified of our grant award?**  
Applications will be reviewed and awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Applications are expected to be reviewed within 5-10 business days.
- 13. How will potential applicants be notified the program has expended all the available funding?**  
The Governor’s Office will post regular updates to the SORAP section on the website: <https://arizonatogether.org/grants>.