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Woodridge Village Board Approves Restaurant Relief Grant Program and Liquor License Rebates

- The Woodridge Mayor and Village Board approved the Restaurant Relief Grant Program that will provide grants up to \$7,500 for operating expenses and \$15,000 in capital expenses for eligible restaurants
- Funded in part by the CARES act, the application is available on the Woodridge website
- The goal of the program is to support Woodridge restaurants and provide grants quickly and equitably

WOODRIDGE, Ill., November 12, 2020: The Village of Woodridge is offering eligible Woodridge-based restaurants up to \$7,500 in grant funding for operating expenses and a \$15,000 maximum grant for capital expenses. The program also includes an immediate rebate for onsite liquor license fees to more than 20 Woodridge-based restaurants. The grant information packet and application is available on the Village of Woodridge website.

WOODRIDGE RESTAURANT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

A program to support eligible Woodridge restaurants and breweries impacted by COVID-19.

This program allows the Village to offer grants to reimburse certain capital and operating expenses suffered due to the public health crisis. Grant applications are due by Monday, November 23, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

“The Village Board and I understand that Woodridge restaurants face many challenges – through no fault of their own – due to the pandemic,” said Mayor Gina Cunningham. “Our goal with this relief grant program is to help ease the COVID-19 mitigation burden from Woodridge restaurants. We want all Woodridge businesses to feel supported during this challenging time.”

A portion of the program funding is from the Village’s federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocation. The \$7,500 operating expenses grant helps to finance payroll, rent, and utility costs incurred. The \$15,000 capital expenses grant will reimburse restaurants who purchased new assets, such as table and tent rentals for outdoor dining related to COVID-19 mitigation. The Village of Woodridge allocated up to \$350,000 to distribute back into the business community, based on eligible applications.

“Woodridge has a vibrant dining scene, and Woodridge restaurants continue to show resilience by adapting to COVID-19 conditions,” said Kim Porter, director, Community Development. “The grant application will be straightforward and aimed to get dollars quickly and equitably to qualifying restaurants.”

The Village of Woodridge encourages Woodridge restaurants to visit the Village website to learn more about the grant criteria and submit the application. Links: [Restaurant Relief Information Packet and Restaurant Relief Grant Application](#)

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