



# Fairfax City ReConnected Outdoors Winter Preparedness Initiative Micro Grant Guidelines

The Fairfax City Economic Development Authority (EDA) will be offering Fairfax City ReConnected Outdoors – Winter Preparedness Initiative (WPI) Grants in collaboration with the Fairfax City Economic Development Office (EDO) to provide city restaurants with financial assistance to extend outdoor dining operations in adherence to COVID-19 safety and health requirements during the fall and winter months.

The Economic Development Office, through the EDA, is committing a total of \$300,000 for the Fairfax City ReConnected Outdoors – Winter Preparedness Initiative program with the anticipation of supporting approximately 100 restaurants. Grant funding will be provided upfront with restaurants receiving a maximum amount of \$3,000. Restaurants will have to submit receipts for items purchased that were identified in the application.

## Use of Grant Funds

The following items are permitted expenditures under the Fairfax City ReConnected Outdoors Winter Preparedness Initiative Grant.

- Heaters and heating elements
- Lighting
- Furniture
- Landscaping to assist with blocking wind elements
- Fire Prevention Code Permit Fee
- Fire extinguishers for outdoor spaces
- Blankets
- Trash Receptacles
- Advertising and marketing of outdoor space
- Fixtures - umbrellas, tents, awnings, igloos, greenhouses, yurts, etc.

## Eligibility

- Restaurant must be located within Fairfax City.
- Restaurant must have a valid Fairfax City Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL).
- Restaurant must be current on all tax obligations to Fairfax City or the Commonwealth.
- Restaurant must have a Fairfax City ReConnected Outdoors Permit for new and/or expanded outdoor dining. Permitting must be approved prior to grant fund dispersal.
- Restaurant must have a valid Fire Prevention Code Permit (If applicable, see WPI program details). Permitting must be approved prior to grant fund dispersal.
- Restaurant must remain in operation through December 31, 2020.

## Ineligible Applicants

- Restaurants that are permanently closed.
- Restaurants that are engaged, or have been engaged in, any illegal activities.

## How to Apply

1. You must first contact the Economic Development Office to apply for a Fairfax City ReConnected Outdoors Permit for new and/or expanded outdoor dining. If the outdoor dining area existed prior to COVID-19, a design rendering of the outdoor dining area must be submitted with the application.
2. Download the paper application at [fairfaxcityconnected.com/winter](https://fairfaxcityconnected.com/winter). Applications may be submitted via email (must be signed) to [EDOCOVID19@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:EDOCOVID19@fairfaxva.gov) or mailed to:

Fairfax City- Economic Development  
Winter Preparedness Initiative Micro Grant  
10455 Armstrong Street, #316  
Fairfax, VA 22030

3. Applications will be reviewed and approved from October 9, 2020 through November 30, 2020, or as funding remains available.

### Questions

For questions or to submit a completed grant application for the Fairfax City ReConnected – Winter Preparedness Initiative Grant please contact Nancy Montes, Program Manager for Fairfax City’s Office of Economic Development at [EDOCOVID19@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:EDOCOVID19@fairfaxva.gov) or (703) 483-1280 between 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.