



DOWNTOWN KENNEWICK RESTAURANT INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

PROGRAM PURPOSE & DESCRIPTION:

Of \$20,000 originally made available to assist new and existing food-related businesses locating or expanding in the Downtown Kennewick area in 2015, \$4,700 remains as of Fall 2016. This program offers up to \$5,000 per applicant, and funds will be awarded to businesses that meet application eligibility requirements and the greatest needs in the marketplace.

The Downtown Kennewick Restaurant Incentive Program is intended to incentivize prospective and existing food-related businesses to create new jobs, attract new businesses, and create economic growth in the area by granting money to assist with startup and equipment costs. The funds are made possible by the America's Best Communities contest, and administered by the Tri-City Development Council.

Funding for qualified applicants will be considered on a case-by-case basis and provided only after completion of a written application and a thorough review by the Kennewick America's Best Communities Team.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Eligible businesses are food-related ventures such as sit-down restaurants, coffee/tea shops, bakeries, cafés, and mobile food establishments that provide new or underserved products.
2. Must be a restaurant business planning to start or expand within the business district area bounded by the Columbia River to 1st Ave and Fruitland St to Hwy 397 (Cable Bridge), to include Clover Island.
3. Applications will be consider for first-time restaurateurs, new and expanding concepts by existing restaurateurs, and expansion of restaurateurs from outside the City.
4. Must be a permitted use in compliance with all laws, zoning ordinances, rules, and regulations applicable to the business.
5. Eligible uses include, but are not limited to:
 - Equipment (such as grease interceptors, kitchen equipment)
 - Electrical, plumbing or HVAC
 - Exterior enhancements such as signage, awnings, outdoor dining
 - Interior design, furniture or fixtures that accommodate customers or new product

Eligible businesses will be required to receive all required permits from the city, county, and state; and pass all inspections.

DEADLINES & FUNDING:

Funds will be awarded first-come first serve until the available funding has been spent.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

STEP 1: Pre-App. Before applying, businesses are encouraged to contact the City of Kennewick Economic Development Manager at (509) 585-4258 to discuss how this program may best benefit the business and to discuss specific program requirements, and review data from the Downtown Kennewick Survey conducted in July 2015.

STEP 2: Application. Businesses must submit a completed Restaurant Incentive Program application to:

City of Kennewick, Economic Development Department
210 W. 6th Ave.
Kennewick, WA 99336
Fax: (509)
Email: Emily.Estes-Cross@ci.kennewick.wa.us

The application must be signed and may be mailed, e-mailed, faxed, or submitted in person.

STEP 3: Approval. As of September 2016, \$4,700 remains to be allocated; therefore applications will be accepted until all available funding has been spent. These funds will be awarded first-come first serve. Please allow at least 2 weeks for application review and response.

The Kennewick America's Best Communities Team will review each application and reserves the right to reject applications if the business plan/use is not consistent with Downtown Kennewick revitalization plans; if it does not benefit the health, safety, and welfare of the community; or if the business does not have the need for any eligible incentives.

Preference will be given to businesses that have a comprehensive, sound business plan and that meet a need of the community and the revitalization area.