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## ***Grants to assist eateries locating or expanding in Downtown Kennewick***

[Kennewick, Wash] – Nearly \$5,000 remains in grant funding to assist new and existing food-related businesses locating or expanding in the Downtown Kennewick area. Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis to eateries that meet application eligibility requirements and the greatest needs in the marketplace. Grant details, eligibility requirements and an application are available at [Go2Kennewick.com](http://Go2Kennewick.com), or email [Emily.Estes-Cross@ci.kennewick.wa.us](mailto:Emily.Estes-Cross@ci.kennewick.wa.us).

More than \$17,000 has been awarded to assist new and existing food-related businesses with startup and equipment costs since the Downtown Kennewick Restaurant Incentive Program was created about a year ago. Recipients have included Foodies, Ice Harbor Pub, Parkade Bar & Grill and the Downtown Diner. The program, designed to incentivize eateries to create new jobs, attract new businesses, and create economic growth in the area, was funded by the America's Best Communities contest, and is administered by the Tri-City Development Council.

The incentive was developed in response to survey data that indicates a wider variety of food options would attract more people to Downtown Kennewick, said Emily Estes-Cross, City of Kennewick Economic Development Manager. "Food and beverage establishments are a key component of revitalization efforts," she said. "People gather where there's great food, and it can be costly for restaurateurs to bring some of these older buildings up to code for that purpose or expand their offerings."

Eligible businesses must be food-related ventures such as sit-down restaurants, coffee/tea shops, bakeries, cafés, and mobile food establishments that provide new or underserved products within the business district area bounded by the Columbia River to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and Fruitland St to Hwy 397 (Cable Bridge), to include Clover Island. Applications will be considered for first-time restaurateurs, new and expanding concepts by existing restaurateurs, and expansion of restaurateurs from outside of the City.

The Kennewick America's Best Communities Team, consisting of representatives from the Tri-Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce, Tri-City Development Council, Visit Tri-Cities, the Port of Kennewick, City of Kennewick and Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership, determine award recipients.

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