



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senate Deputy Leader Gianaris, Who Fought for \$1 Billion in Small Business Relief in This Year's State Budget, Encourages Queens Small Businesses To Start Applying

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NEW YORK – Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris is encouraging Queens businesses to apply for funding through the newly-created covid-19 [Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program](#).

“Small businesses have borne outside losses during the pandemic and we must center them as we focus on our recovery,” said **Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris**. “I am pleased we successfully secured sizeable funding for our small businesses, and now is the time to apply. I encourage every eligible business to get their applications in soon.”

According to Empire State Development, which administers this funding, grants can be between \$5,000 and \$50,000 and calculated based on 2019 annual gross receipts for a business. The funding will reimburse businesses for eligible covid-19 related expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021, and may include:

- Payroll costs
- Commercial rent or mortgage payments for NYS-based property
- Payment of local property or school taxes
- Insurance costs
- Utility costs
- Costs of personal protection equipment necessary to protect worker and consumer health and safety

- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning cost
- Other machinery or equipment costs
- Supplies and materials necessary for compliance with COVID-19 health and safety protocols

Senator Gianaris has worked with small businesses throughout the pandemic, advocating for further relief efforts and providing needed supplies, including hand sanitizer and masks.