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## Harford County Offers Grants to Hotels Through State Relief Funds

**BEL AIR, Md., (Monday, January 12, 2021)** - Harford County hotel owners are eligible to receive grant funding through the state of Maryland to help offset COVID-19-related expenses.

Through the grant funding announced on Dec. 17, 2020 by Gov. Larry Hogan, Harford received \$1,005,964; how much grant funding each hotel will receive will be determined by the number of applicants. Hotel owners who have previously received a Harford County COVID-19 Business Relief Grant are still eligible for the Hotel Relief Grant.

Applications for the Hotel Relief Grant can be submitted beginning Wednesday, January 13, 2021; the deadline to submit is 5 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021.

Grants are available only to hotels in Harford County that contributed toward the county's hotel/lodging fee in 2020. For more information on the Hotel Occupancy Tax, please visit <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/657/Harford-County-Hotel-Occupancy-Tax>.


The grant funds for qualifying hotels can be used for normal operating costs such as rent, payroll, job training, taxes, or debt services; the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); sanitization services; or other COVID-related costs.

This is the county's seventh COVID-19 relief grant program. The county provided \$20.6 million of its \$44 million in federal CARES Act funding to businesses through the Small Business Relief (\$7,500), Homegrown Harford Farm Relief (\$2,500), Business Owner Assistance (\$5,000), Restaurant Relief (\$10,000), and Childcare Provider Relief (\$7,500) grants; second rounds of funding were provided through multiple programs.

“I would like to thank these valued members of our Harford County business community for what they’re doing to keep the county safe and productive,” County Executive Barry Glassman said. “I sincerely hope these funds will assist them in getting through the difficult winter months and help prepare them for a prosperous spring.”

For more information and to access the application and FAQs, please visit the county website at: <https://www.harfordcountymd.gov/3057/Hotel-Relief-Grant>.

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