

\$10,000 MAIN STREET BOUNCEBACK GRANTS

BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR YOUR BUSINESS AND HELP REENERGIZE WISCONSIN'S DOWNTOWNS AND COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS.



The pandemic took a toll on Wisconsin's small businesses, and the main streets and commercial corridors that housed them. Now it's time to bounce back.

We know it takes a lot to start a new business or open a new space. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation and our regional partners are here to support you, because we know that the economic well-being of our state depends on the strength of businesses like yours.

Through the Main Street Bounceback Grants Program, you can get \$10,000 to help you get set up in a commercial space. The more empty spaces we can fill with new restaurants, salons, stores and other businesses, the more people it will bring into our commercial areas and through your doors.

MAIN STREET BOUNCEBACK GRANTS PROGRAM AT-A-GLANCE

1 WHAT IS IT?

The program provides \$10,000 grants to businesses moving into vacant commercial spaces. We want to help you build a solid foundation for the long-term success of your small business—and strengthen Wisconsin's main streets and commercial corridors at the same time.

2 WHAT CAN I USE IT FOR?

Your business can use the grant funds for lease or mortgage payments, operating expenses, building repairs, tenant improvements and other qualified expenses. Funds cannot be used on storage spaces or for residential uses.

3 IS MY BUSINESS ELIGIBLE?

New or existing businesses that purchased a vacant commercial space at least 400 square feet in size or began a new lease for such a space between Jan. 1, 2021, and Dec. 31, 2022, are eligible for Main Street Bounceback Grants, subject to available funding and underwriting review. Your business will not qualify for grant funds if you are renewing an existing lease or will be vacating a commercial space to move to another.

Landlords and real estate investment firms that intend to hold the property for investment purposes are not eligible. Businesses that are part of a national or regional chain are also ineligible unless the business is an independently owned and operated franchise.

4 HOW DO I APPLY?

Main Street Bounceback Grant applications are administered, reviewed, approved and funded by our regional partners. To get the application process going, visit wedc.org/mainstreet-bounceback to reach out to the regional partner serving your county. They will help you fill out the application and gather the other documents you will need to provide.

Learn more about Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's vision for Wisconsin's economic well-being at wedc.org

