



THE TWIN CITIES HOSPITALITY AND EVENTS WORKERS' RELIEF EFFORT

Overview:

The Twin Cities Hospitality and Events Workers' Relief Effort supports workers who have lost their income due to business closures and event cancellations related to the COVID-19 outbreak. With 1 in 10 workers in the Twin Cities as part of the hospitality and events industry, the Twin Cities Hospitality and Events Worker's Relief Fund provides immediate and in future recovery efforts for the industry.

While workers need critical direct financial support, they also need support in navigating complicated and sometimes daunting challenges. These workers will need to navigate applying for unemployment, negotiating payment with landlords and utility companies, prioritizing which bills to pay, handling childcare, and other large decisions, all while in a critical situation. While all workers are struggling with these issues, the hospitality and events sector has specific challenges unique to them that exacerbate their access to some of these resources. With this industry being the first to be shut down, they are already in dire need of stop-gap resources and support.

The hospitality and events industry is a vital and growing industry in our region. It has touchpoints with every part of our economy. The workers in hospitality and events are disproportionately female, and people of color.



Q: How can the fund help support me/my business?

A: *The Twin Cities Hospitality and Events Workers' Relief Effort combines assistance and stop-gap financial relief.*

Examples include navigating challenges such as:

- Applications for unemployment insurance
- Childcare procurement
- Navigating healthcare coverage
- Securing food assistance
- Providing working protections

In addition, the effort provides direct grants of \$200 to assist alleviating financial burdens such as:

- Rent/mortgage payments
- Utility payments
- Other identified needs



Q: What are the qualifications to access the fund?

A: *Workers are eligible if they physically work in one of these establishments:*

- Stadium/event center
- Hotels
- Live theater, live music, or other live entertainment establishment
- Restaurant (dine in and quick service)
- Bars
- Coffee Shops
- Take-out food delivery

Workers are eligible if they live or work in:

Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott Washington and Wright counties
(Some services and some funds may be restricted to specific geographies)

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(Qualifications cont.)

Workers will need to verify proof of place of employment or contract

Disbursement of funds will be based on hardship

While all eligible workers will have access to vital services and resources, direct grants will take into consideration:

- Unemployment eligibility
- Caring for dependents
- Sick or currently caring for a sick dependent
- Uninsured
- Facing eviction or foreclosure
- Demonstrated need to access food/medication
- Experiencing other disasters: such as fire or flood, etc.
- Victim of domestic violence or other qualifying emergency event

**All direct grant funding decisions will be made via a formula and administered by the staff of Working Partnerships, the fiscal host. Workers do not need to be a member of a union to receive services or apply for funds.*

Partners in this effort include:



We need to band together as workers, philanthropy, industry leaders, and other stakeholders to meet this need and rebuild the industry. Please consider making a contribution.

TO DONATE:

Our fund is housed at the Building Trades Credit Union. You can donate through:

- Funds transfer from your bank. Each bank has different methods and may need different info from us for this option, so contact Doug@workingpartnerships.org or **612-805-4236**
- Drop off or mail a physical check to "Working Partnerships Emergency Fund" at the Shoreview or Maple Grove BTCU bank branches. Please put **HOSPITALITY** in the memo line. Use the drive-thru or the After Hours Depository slot at each location: <https://www.buildingtradescu.com/locations/>