

Downtown Ontario Equipment Rebate Program

To encourage the continued development of Downtown Ontario and to help fill vacant commercial space with sustainable business, the City has developed a program to attract small local independent restaurants or wineries and craft breweries or distilleries to a designated area of Downtown Ontario within the boundaries extending to G Street on the North, Holt Boulevard to the South, Palm Avenue to the West and Plum Avenue to the East.

1. Program Details:

- The City may in its sole and complete discretion make loans of up to \$10,000 to business owners who provide evidence of leases within the Program area for which they have made qualifying purchases of certain capital equipment.
- The balance of the loan shall be reduced by 20% if the Borrower has remained in business at the qualifying location. If the Borrower remains in business at the qualifying location for five (5) years, the loan shall be cancelled, and the promissory note returned to the Borrower as paid in full. Should a recipient not stay in their location for the full 5 years, the amount remaining will be owed to the City of Ontario.
- Eligible equipment purchase must be necessary to the operation of the business. Examples of qualified equipment are provided as part of the application packet. Economic Development Agency staff will review all applications to ensure equipment is a qualified purchase.

2. Qualifications and Requirements:

- Must have lease agreement equal to or greater than 5 years.
- Business must be under 10,000 square feet.
- Must be an approved business in the City of Ontario with current business license and applicable permits for location. This includes obtaining any necessary permits for installation of equipment.
- Applicants must be a fall into current industry definitions for Craft Brewery, Craft Distillery, or be a qualified Independent Restaurant or Winery.

3. Application Process:

- Complete the Restaurant/Brewery Equipment Purchase Program Application. Total cost of equipment purchases, and receipts will be included as part of application.
- Provide proof of 5 year or longer lease agreement.
- Provide description of equipment use for operation of business and proof of installation at location.
- Economic Development Agency Staff will review each application for accuracy and to ensure all eligibility requirements are met.
- Funding is subject to availability and will be paid to business upon approval of application and confirmation of receipts detailing purchases, including inspection and verification of installation of equipment by City Staff.

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Map of Program Boundary



Examples of Qualified Commercial Equipment:

- Beer Keg Shelf
- Cookers (distilling)
- Crowler Machine
- Deep fryer
- Dishwasher
- Draft Faucet
- Faucet Draft Tower
- Fermenter
- Freezer (either a chest, upright, or walk-in)
- Grill
- Nitro Faucet
- Oven
- Power Pack (cooling system)
- Range
- Reach-in cooler
- Refrigerator
- Sink
- Steam table
- Still
- Walk-in cooler
- Wine Racks
- Wine Refrigerator



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APPLICATION SUBMITTAL CHECK LIST

- Completed Application
- Proof of 5 year or longer lease agreement
- Total Cost and Receipts for Equipment being requested for rebate
- Proof of Installation of equipment (City reserves right to inspect)
- Business must have current Business License and all associated permits for operation (City Staff will verify for accuracy)

Submit all applications to the City of Ontario Economic Development Agency, Attention: Equipment Rebate Program, 303 E. B Street Ontario, CA 91764.



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APPLICATION FOR EQUIPMENT REBATE PROGRAM

Date: ___/___/___

APPLICANT NAME:	
Name of Business: _____ Contact Person (if different from applicant): _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____ Square Footage of Business: _____	
Current Business Address:	
Application being submitted for: <input type="checkbox"/> Craft Brewery <input type="checkbox"/> Craft Distillery <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Restaurant <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Winery	
Please Describe Equipment Being Purchased (attach additional pages if needed):	
Describe Equipment's critical use in operation of the business (attach additional pages if needed):	
Amount requested (maximum request \$10,000)	
Signature of Applicant	Date



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