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City of Los Angeles Boyle Heights Lineage Fire Business Assistance, Workforce Stabilization and Layoff Aversion Business Grant Application Informational Guide

Eligibility Criteria for Grant Applicants

- Be a brick and mortar business in the City of Los Angeles
- Have been open and operating at the time of the Lineage Fire 6/17/2026
- Have been impacted by the Lineage Fire and be able to show documented proof of fiscal/business impact of the Lineage Fire or its aftermath (please see below for the list of required eligibility documentation)
- Must be one of the following business types:
 - Corporation
 - Limited Liability Corporation (LLC)
 - Partnership
 - Sole proprietorship with at least one or more employees, not including the owner(s)

Allowable Use of Grants Funds

-Equipment or machinery based on documented need (up to \$30,000)

Examples include but are not limited to:

Automotive technology hardware upgrades or new licensed software

Ranges and kitchen equipment

Automotive tools or equipment for servicing cars/trucks

General equipment to help a business pivot to offer new products or services

AND/OR

-Marketing and outreach based on documented need (up to \$15,000)

Examples include but are not limited to:

Physical printed marketing materials (awnings, window signs or displays)

Paid physical promotion (billboards)

Paid social media advertising (Facebook, Instagram Advertising)

Non-Allowable Use of Grant Funds

Include business operational costs including the following:

- Employee wages, salaries, or benefits

- Rent, lease payments, or utilities
- Loan payments, debt, or credit obligations
- General operating expenses not tied to layoff aversion
- General marketing or advertising not tied to replacing lost revenue
- Construction, major renovations, or capital improvements
- Vehicle purchase, maintenance, or fuel
- Gifts, gift cards, incentives or entertainment expenses
- General legal, accounting, or administrative services not tied to an approved activity
- Any expense already covered by another funding source
- Any activity that does not clearly support business stabilization or workforce retention

Eligibility Information and Supplemental Documents

Employer Identification Number (EIN)

Employment Development Department (EDD) Employer Account Number

Business Tax Registration Certificate (BTRC)

IRS W-9

Driver's License or California Identification Card (or other government issued ID)

IRS Form 941

AND

Documentation to illustrate impact:

Applicants must upload documentation demonstrating business impact. Applications submitted without supporting documentation will be considered incomplete.

- Financial records ((A) profit & loss statement; (B) sales reports; (C) four months bank statements April, May, June and July 2026, or (D) accounting system screenshots)
- Invoices, contracts, or proof of business activity tied to impacted companies or industries
- Payroll records or documentation showing reduced hours, wages, or staffing levels from April - May 2026 and June-July 2026
- Emails, order cancellations, or other communications demonstrating loss of business
- Other relevant documentation

AND

Completed Business Needs Assessment including Planned Use of Funds Form