



SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY FUND: Cascade

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GRANT FUND OVERVIEW

The Atlanta Development Authority d/b/a Invest Atlanta is the economic development agent for the City of Atlanta.

The water and sewer work along Cascade has impacted Atlanta's small businesses which are critical to the city's ongoing economic growth and success for all Atlantans.

As this is a unique situation in which the City has identified the prolonged impact to small businesses arising from the length of time that it has taken to complete this project, Invest Atlanta is delivering initiatives to help small businesses rebuild, recover and thrive in the wake of the disruption. Invest Atlanta is seeking small businesses which were directly impacted by the construction disruption due to water and sewer maintenance and enhancements.

The purpose of the City of Atlanta Recovery Fund is to distribute grants and provide technical assistance to small businesses as a means of addressing the economic impact of the construction disruption due to water and sewer maintenance and enhancements.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANT

A business is eligible for the City of Atlanta Recovery Fund Cascade grant if it can provide ALL of the following documentation at the time of application:

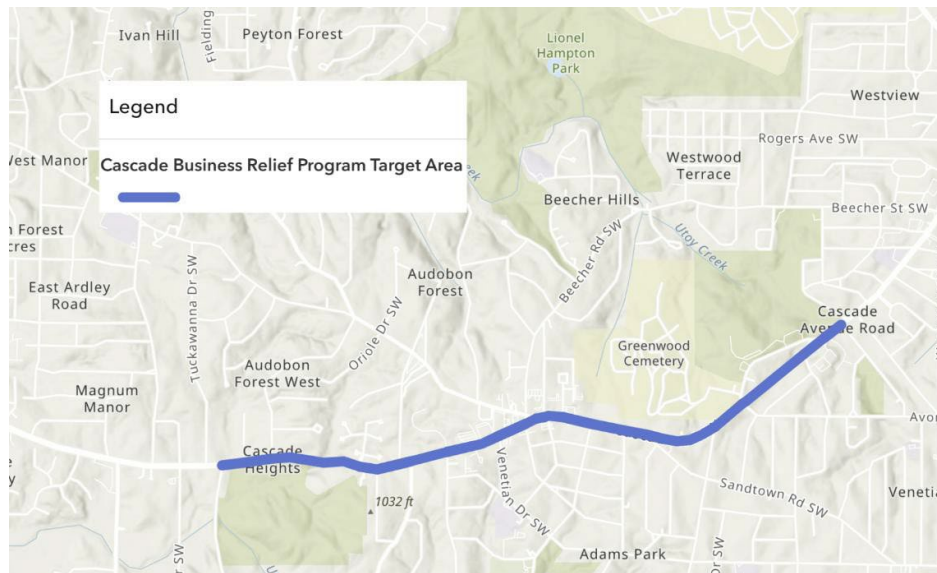
- Only current businesses with verified addresses within the impacted areas will be approved (see map below). **Businesses must have a Cascade Road address.**
- Holds an active 2025 City of Atlanta Business License
If the business does not have a 2025 City of Atlanta Business License, then they must provide a copy of their 2024 City of Atlanta Business License, proof of application for their 2025 City of Atlanta Business License, AND a valid commercial lease for their current location dating back to at least January 1, 2024.
- Payroll documentation - Form 941 (Q2 2025) or detailed payroll journals reflecting number of employees as of June 30, 2025. Eligible businesses must have less than 75 employees.
- Articles of Incorporation or Ownership
- Operating Agreement or the Corporate Bylaws
- Active 2025 Georgia Secretary of State registration
- Impact statement (included in the application)
- SAVE Affidavit (notarized – download form within application)
- Valid commercial lease or security deed tied to the property
- Hardship Affidavit (notarized - download form within application)
- W9
- Certificate of Grantee Representative (notarized - download form within application)
- IRS Determination Letter (for nonprofits only)
- Form 990-T (for nonprofits only)

A non-profit organization is eligible for a City of Atlanta Business Recovery Fund grant if it performs for-profit activities and submits a copy of their IRS Determination Letter and Form 990-T.

ELIGIBILITY MAP

Small Businesses with **less than 75 employees along Cascade Road** from Harbin Road to the east end of Cascade Circle SW.

To search your address on an interactive map, click [here](#).



The following businesses are ineligible for the City of Atlanta Business Recovery Fund:

- Businesses who do not have an active City of Atlanta Business License.
- ***If the business does not have a 2025 City of Atlanta Business License, then they must provide a copy of their 2024 City of Atlanta Business License, proof of application for their 2025 City of Atlanta Business License, AND a valid commercial lease for their current location dating back to at least January 1, 2024.***
- Businesses engaged in any illegal activity.
- Corporate-owned franchises.
- Life insurance companies.
- Financial businesses primarily engaged in the business of lending, such as banks, finance companies, loan packagers, and factors.
- Businesses located in a foreign country.
- Government-owned entities.
- Businesses owned or operated by officials, employees, or family members of the City of Atlanta or Invest Atlanta.
- Pyramid sale distribution plans.
- Passive businesses owned by developers and landlords with no active ties to for-profit business activities at the location.
- Businesses primarily engaged in political or lobbying activities.
- Businesses principally engaged in teaching, instructing, counseling or indoctrinating religion or religious beliefs, whether in a religious or secular setting.

- Speculative businesses.
- Businesses that derive any part of annual gross income (including rental income) from gambling activities, except where an otherwise eligible small business earns less than 1/3 of its annual gross income from the licensed sale of Georgia lottery tickets.
- Private clubs and businesses which limit the number of memberships for reasons other than capacity.
- Enterprises which constitute adult businesses as defined by City Code Section 16-29.001(3).

PROGRAM STRUCTURE – GRANT AMOUNTS

Component 1

Businesses along the Cascade corridor who rely on onsite consumption for their customers (eligible NAICS codes below) are eligible for a \$50,000 cash grant and \$10,000 in technical assistance services, totaling \$60,000.

Eligible NAICS Codes:

- 445120
- 447110
- 447190
- 454210
- 621320
- 624410
- 713940
- 722511
- 722513
- 722515
- 811111
- 811121
- 812112
- 812320

If a business' NAICS code is not listed above but relies on customers coming to their location for the service to be rendered, they must submit a notice to Invest Atlanta explaining and detailing the need for customers to come to their location for services to be rendered to qualify. Invest Atlanta may determine eligibility at their discretion.

Additional Impact funding:

Consideration for an additional \$20,000 can be requested for businesses that can prove an additional acute impact to ingress into, or egress from said business due to ALL THREE (Detours 1, 2, and 3) construction-related closures, as described below.

This applies to businesses located within the closed/detoured section(s) of ALL THREE (Detours 1, 2, and 3) construction-related closures for the project, which provided for local access to and from local residences during the time period for which said detours were in place.

All considerations for additional funding will require confirmation from the City of Atlanta Department of Transportation.

Detour 1: Sandtown Rd SW to Centra Villa Dr SW

- Sandtown Rd SW to Centra Villa Dr SW detour installed February 2024; removed November 2024.

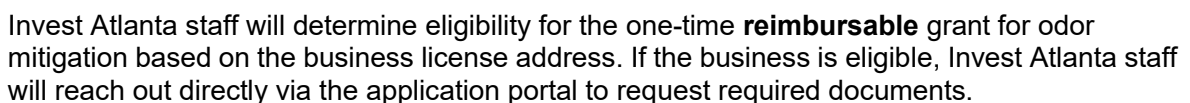
- Tuckawanna Dr SW/Lynhurst Dr SW to Willis Mill Rd SW detour installed March 2024; removed August 20, 2025

- Kingsdale Dr SW to Lynhurst Dr. SW detour installed in February 2025 and removed August 20, 2025.

Small Businesses with **less than 75 employees along Cascade Road** from Harbin Road to the east end of Cascade Circle SW that are not within the NAICS codes above (i.e., not relying on regular customer onsite consumption) are eligible for \$10,000 in technical assistance.

All businesses within the Impact Map (see below) are eligible for a one-time reimbursable grant for odor mitigation. In particular, this component of the grant is to support the installation of a 4" p-trap in the place of business. The grant will provide no more than \$400 per p-trap installation with a not to exceed of \$2,000 per business.

Business must be within this area to be considered for this component of a reimbursable odor mitigation grant.



Grant funds will be disbursed based on the submission of both invoices demonstrating the scope of services, as well as receipts demonstrating payment for p-trap installation (**no more than \$400 per p-trap installation, total not to exceed of \$2,000 per business**).

Acceptable proofs of payment include:

- Paid receipts dated between the date of approval for this component of the program and December 31, 2025
- Proof of vendor payment (cancelled check, wire transfer, credit card/bank statement)
- If a payment app such as Zelle or Pay Pal is used, screenshots showing the payment transaction number, vendor, amount, date, and payment status must be provided
- Proofs of payment must coincide with the invoices provided

USE OF PROCEEDS

Grant funds must be used by the business to minimize challenges that occurred during the construction disruption due to water and sewer maintenance and enhancements. Grant recipients are required to follow grant recipient compliance requirements including an annual grant impact report.

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS:

This is a grant and not a loan. However, eligible businesses must:

- Applicant will attest (via the application) to having a financial hardship such as declines in revenues during the impact periods of business/closure as a result of the construction disruption due to water and sewer maintenance and enhancements.
- Use best efforts to expand or retain current levels of employment;
- Within one year of receiving the grant funds, the applicant is encouraged to complete at least fifteen (15) hours of community service with a 501(c)(3) organization of their choice, physically located within the City of Atlanta, to be evidenced by verification provided on the non-profit organization's letterhead. If the applicant is a 501(c)3 organization, then they must complete community service with a different 501(c)3 organization.
- Within one year of receiving the funds, the eligible business will submit to Invest Atlanta a final close-out narrative and provide a response to the Progress Reporting Form (attached to final Grant Agreement).

At the end of the application period (4:59pm on Tuesday, September 30, 2025), completed and submitted applications will be scored to determine awards.

It is anticipated that the award notices will begin the week of **October 6, 2025**.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS

After review, incomplete applications will be considered ineligible for this grant. An incomplete application is one that has not uploaded all required documents, has not uploaded the accurate document and/or has not answered all required questions.

The only *exception* to this will be after the initial Invest Atlanta review. In the event the submitted application is incomplete, or the wrong documentation was uploaded, applicants will receive **one** opportunity to cure any identified error(s) through a 'Task' notification in Neighborly. This program will allow a single one-time opportunity to cure your application. Applicants will have only **48 hours** to address the error. Once the 48 hours have passed with no response, the application will be considered unresponsive.