

**Q: What are the incorporated boundaries of the City of San Pablo?**

**A:** Visit our website <https://www.sanpabloedc.org/business-services/san-pablo-back-business-b2b-fund> to view the City of San Pablo boundaries.

**Q: Which types of businesses may apply for this grant?**

**A:** Businesses must be independently owned and operated qualified, small, privately-owned, for-profit businesses with a minimum of one full-time employee located within the incorporated boundaries of the City of San Pablo. Franchise businesses may be eligible if: 1) they own two (2) or fewer locations and 2) their only location(s) are within the City of San Pablo, and 3) they are not receiving any corporate support. Please note, a business that promotes or offers any of the following is not eligible: illegal activities, recreational drugs, unsafe supplements, multilevel marketing, third-party infringement, social issues, elections or politics, cosmetic procedures, weight loss, cash for gold, gambling, real money gambling, alcohol (non-restaurant related), weapons, ammunition, firearms or explosives, adult products or services, penny auctions, payday loans, paycheck advances, bail bonds, discriminatory advertising, state lotteries, tobacco, and related products.

**Q: Can non-profit organizations apply for these grants?**

**A:** No. These grants are available to qualified, small, privately-owned, for-profit businesses with a minimum of one full-time employee.

**Q: Where can I go if I need help applying?**

**A:** Contact San Pablo EDC at [info@sanpabloedc.org](mailto:info@sanpabloedc.org) or call 510-215-3200.

**Q: What happens if I miss the deadline for an application window?**

**A:** If you miss one application window, take the time to watch our overview videos and go through the guidelines to be prepared to apply in the next window. All application windows are announced on our website. For up-to-date information, visit <https://www.sanpabloedc.org/business-services/san-pablo-back-business-b2b-fund>. You may also want to sign up for our e-blasts <https://tinyurl.com/sanpabloedc-eblast> to get advanced notice.

**Q: If my business is approved, how long should I expect to wait to receive the funds?**

**A:** Once an application is approved, funds are distributed within two weeks.

**Q: I opened my business during the pandemic. Do I qualify for this grant?**

**A:** You may apply if your business has filed taxes for the past two years.

**Q: I received a B2B COVID-19 Micro Relief Grant in 2020. May I apply again?**

**A:** Yes. This is an expansion of the program made possible through the City of San Pablo leadership and American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding. Under this new, multi-year program, you will be able to apply one time for a B2B grant.

**Q: How will applications be prioritized for review?**

**A:** Applications will be considered on a first-completed, first-served basis.

**Q: Do I have to repay the money I receive?**

**A:** No, this is a grant, not a loan.

**Q: How can I utilize the grant funds?**

**A:** Grant funds may be used for lease payments, payroll, utilities, business supplies (including PPE), equipment purchases that expand operations, and investments in software or technology that allow a shift in online operations. Other expenses may be eligible as reviewed on a case-by-case basis.