

Back to Business Grant Fund

ORDINANCE NO. 240828 -establishing the “Back to Business” Grant Fund program, designed to provide financial assistance to eligible businesses for reimbursement of expenses due to vandalism, burglary, or other property crimes.

September 17, 2024

Special Committee for Legal Review



Use of Funds:

Establishing the Kansas City “Back to Business” Grant Fund to provide financial relief and prevention measures to small businesses impacted by vandalism and property crimes in Kansas City through grants to local small businesses; appropriating \$325,000.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Violence Prevention and Intervention Fund for the Back to Business Grant Program.

Grant Amounts:

Vandalism Recovery Grant Funding Eligibility:

Up to \$3,000 per business.
Funds can only be used as reimbursement for a vandalism incident that occurred from July 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025.

Vandalism Prevention Grant Funding Eligibility:

Up to \$5,000 per business.
Funds can only be used as a reimbursement for eligible security measures acquired between July 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025.

Eligibility:

- Be located within Kansas City, possess all necessary licenses and permits, and maintain good standing with the City.
- Maintain consistent hours of operation.
- Have sustained physical damage due to break-ins or vandalism or plan to take steps to prevent such incidents.

Eligible Expenses:

Expenses associated with cosmetic property enhancements, in-store equipment/furniture, and items for non-business locations (i.e. residential/outside eligible areas), are out of scope and do not qualify as eligible preventative expenses.

Exterior Repairs:

- Temporary window or door board up
- Window repair / replacement
- Door repair / replacement
- Graffiti removal / Paint over
- Sign repair / replacement
- Gate repair / replacement
- Security systems repair / replacement
- Exterior light repair / replacement
- Mural Repair

Eligible Expenses:

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Security & Prevention Improvements:

- Security cameras (equipment only, not monitoring services)- no less than 30 days for video recovery.
- Alarm systems
- Scissor gates
- Overhead doors
- Security lighting
- Locks

Ineligible Expenses:

Damage caused by accidents and natural disasters is not covered under this grant program. Expenses associated with theft or damaged inventory, supplies, equipment, and personal belongings are out of scope and do not qualify.

Examples of loss items that are not eligible for reimbursement:

- Inventory replacement
- Non-insurance business operating costs, such as wages or rent.
- Lost sales or wages
- Any damages that have been submitted to insurance as part of a claim unless that claim has been rejected and closed.

Application Process:

Materials to Prepare:

- Proof of insurance (General Liability insurance, at a minimum)
- Copies of all receipts
- Copy of KCPD Incident Report
- Photo of damaged storefront and repairs
- CPTED Report (Prevention)

Submission Process:

- Submission of a completed application form online
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted.
- Anticipated Application Open Date- October 7th

Questions?