

Take It Outside Barrington

Overview and Guidelines



The Town of Barrington is making certain items available free of charge to businesses and other eligible entities through the Take It Outside Initiative to be utilized in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency to help sustain operations. Grant funds awarded to the Town will allow the Town to acquire outdoor heaters, outdoor lighting, and other eligible items associated with utilizing outdoor spaces to provide additional seating, serving and sales areas. In order to begin the grant process, carefully read the program overview including eligible activities and complete the online form linked on Page 2 of this document.

Who Can Apply

Barrington-based “brick and mortar” businesses, non-profits and other eligible entities that have been approved or successfully apply to the Town to provide outdoor activities to be utilized in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency to sustain operations.

Available Items

This grant opportunity was established to assist businesses, non-profits and other eligible organizations with unbudgeted or unanticipated costs necessary to effectively and safely operate outdoor service, seating, and sales.

Examples of items include:

- Patio heaters (gas or electric)
- Outdoor lighting
- Outdoor furniture/tables/chairs/equipment
- Electrical service required for outdoor activity
- Umbrellas/awnings
- Purchasing an event tent
- Materials to install barriers required to separate activity from vehicular traffic
- Fleece blankets

It's the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all projects and/or improvements comply with local, state, and federal codes, regulations, and laws. Only projects in compliance with and receiving applicable approvals will be funded.

Please contact Debra Page-Trim, Economic Development Officer, at 247-1900 x365 or dpagetrिम@barrington.ri.gov, for additional information regarding applying for Town approval of an outdoor activity (restaurant/retail/outdoor gatherings, etc.).

Application + Grant Process

Eligible entities can apply to receive items to assist with expanding outdoor business operations. The application [[DOWNLOAD APPLICATION FORM](#)] must be completed and submitted to Debra Page-Trim at dpagetrtrim@barrington.ri.gov. She also can be reached at 247-1900 x365

The application may require administrative approval of a site plan showing the proposed activity. Once an application has been approved, applicants will receive notice with additional information, including items approved and instructions for pick-up or deliver.

The **Application Period remains open while funds are available**. The Town will make every effort to fill eligible applicants' requests; however, there is limited funding available.

The Town will contact all approved applicants about the requested items prior to proceeding to purchase.

Eligibility Requirements + Acknowledgements

The following acknowledgements are also required to complete an application:

- Applicants must have permission from property owner (if someone other than applicant) to implement project and comply with other applicable laws and regulations.
- The proposal may require Town approval of an outdoor COVID permit (at no cost to the applicant).
- Applicant must certify that the items received are to be utilized in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency to sustain operations.
- Applicants will be provided a "Take It Outside Barrington" sticker to be placed in a location that is visible to the public (main door, storefront window, etc.)

Follow-Up/Evaluation

Applicants who have received items through Take It Outside will be contacted by the Town seeking responses to the following questions:

1. How did the approved items enable the outside activity?
2. Did you have to purchase additional items (tables, tent, etc.)? If so, please specify.
3. How many people (customers/clients/members of the organization, etc.) utilized the outdoor space? (Number of people or percentage of capacity)
4. How often was the outdoor space utilized on those days when it was available?
5. Based on your experience with the Take It Outside Initiative, what additional actions could the Town or State government do to increase outdoor activity for businesses or other entities?
6. Is there interest in continuing the Take It Outside Initiative in spring 2021?

Take It Outside is fully funded by federal Coronavirus Relief Funds made available through RI Commerce.