

REOPEN SANTEE REBATE PROGRAM

Support Our Santee COVID-19 Business Assistance



REBATE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The City of Santee will be providing direct support to our local small businesses through rebate grants to reimburse and offset costs incurred in implementing COVID-19 public safety and business protocols.

Reopen Santee Rebate Program will provide rebates to local small businesses to offset their costs of implementing safety measures for reopening pursuant to State and County industry guidelines. Applicants would receive a one-time rebate of 80% of qualified expenses incurred in implementing COVID-19 safety measures, up to a maximum \$10,000. To be eligible, a business must be a for-profit, independently-owned business with a physical storefront within the City of Santee, and with up to 25 full-time employees. Eligible expenses for reimbursement will include a broad range of expenditures for physical improvements, protective barriers, personal protective equipment and supplies, and other measures to incorporate safety and social distancing practices and measures in their business operations, in compliance with State and County guidelines for that industry. To receiving funding, qualified businesses would submit receipts for eligible expenses, and provide photo documentation and proof of completed installation or implementation of safety protocols.

The City of Santee will be launching the Reopen Santee Rebate Program the week of July 20-24 with a link for application submittals on the City of Santee's COVID-19 Business Assistance Programs website at <https://www.cityofsanteeca.gov/business/business-assistance-programs/covid-19-business-resources>

ELIGIBILITY

- For-profit, independently owned small business
- Physical storefront established in the City of Santee
- 25 or fewer full-time employees as of March 1, 2020
- Current City of Santee Business License and in operation as of March 1, 2020
- Provide a written statement demonstrating how the business expenses and improvements apply to COVID-19 guidelines
- Be in good standing with the City of Santee as of March 1, 2020 (e.g. no liens/judgments/actions)

REBATE PROGRAM TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1) Eligible applicants may receive a rebate of 80% of qualified expenses incurred in response to COVID 19 safety measures as described below.
- 2) Maximum rebate of up to \$10,000 per business. You may submit for a one-time rebate for your business until the program's funds have fully been expended, or the end of the calendar year, December 31, 2020, has been reached and the program ends.
- 3) Applicants must provide IRS Form W-9 for the business.
- 4) At the time of application submittal, Applicants must provide clearly legible dated receipts (as far back as March 19, 2020) itemizing products and services purchased in relation to COVID-19 preparedness.
- 5) Installation of any products or improvements must be completed at time of request for rebate award, conform to California Energy Code Title 24 and all relevant City of Santee Municipal Code for Building and Safety standards.
- 6) Applicants must submit in the application "Before and After" photos of all products or improvements installed (one (1) photo per product or improvement), including a description of each product's or improvement's purpose. A description of the prior conditions may suffice if a "Before" picture is not available, but "After" pictures or all products and improvements must be submitted to qualify for reimbursement.
- 7) Applicants must also submit in the application a copy of the completed County of San Diego "Safe Reopening Plan" and/or related restaurant plan, along with a photo of the Plan posted at the business entrance, pursuant to County reopening guidelines.

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE PURCHASES FOR REIMBURSEMENT

- Measures to physically separate people by at least six feet such as physical partitions or visual cues (e.g., floor markings, colored tape, or signs to indicate where customers and/or workers should stand).
- Installation of protective barriers such as clear acrylic sheeting, hands-free devices, and other public health measures.
- Signage to remind customers of physical distancing at every opportunity.
- Shading to protect customers queued outside while still maintaining physical distance, and improvements to outdoor access and dining opportunities.
- Installation of transfer-aiding materials, such as shelving and bulletin boards, to reduce person-to-person hand-offs where possible.
- Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and supplies to protect employee and public health, including cleaners and disinfectants to sanitize the business environment for workers and business patrons.
- Equipping of customer entrances and exits, checkout stations, and customer changing rooms with proper sanitation products, including hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes, and provide personal hand sanitizers to all frontline staff (e.g., cashiers).
- Increasing technology capacity to enable alternative work forms, and enhance online business opportunities.
- Upgrades to improve air filtration and ventilation.

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