

Montgomery County, Maryland Purple Line Light Rail Project Phase-III Grant Program

Guidelines

If you are a small business located in the Purple Line Light Rail construction corridor and impacted by the project, you may be eligible for a grant. Montgomery County, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Commerce, is providing grants to local small businesses negatively impacted through revenue loss from the construction of the Purple Line Light Rail Project. Applications for the grant will be accepted through the County's Business Center website at <http://Montgomerycountymd.gov/business> starting on August 15th, 2023, and closing on September 30th, 2023.

See below for additional details about the program. If you have any questions, please contact the program manager, Derese Bikila at Derese.Bikila@montgomerycountymd.gov or BusinessCenter@montgomerycountymd.gov. If you seek help in Spanish, please reach out to Naddia Clute at Naddia.Clute@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Eligibility criteria –:

To be eligible for the Purple Line Light Rail Project Phase-III grant, an applicant MUST:

1. be registered and in good standing with the Maryland State Department of Assessment & Taxation (SDAT);
2. have suffered revenue loss due to the construction of the Purple Line Light Rail Project;
3. have a physical location adjacent to the construction of the Purple Line Light Rail Project;
4. employ 20 or fewer employees;
5. be independently owned and operated;
6. have not received a Purple Line grant during Phase I or Phase II;
7. not be a subsidiary of another business; and
8. not be dominant in its field of operations.

Documents needed to apply:

Applicants will be required to submit the following documents with their application

1. A government-issued ID (e.g., Driver's license or passport) of the business owner
2. A completed business W-9. If you do not have a W-9 form, there will be a link to the template on the main application.
3. A screenshot from Maryland Business Express of Proof of Good Standing. You can find it at <https://egov.Maryland.gov/BusinessExpress/EntitySearch/Search>
4. Register with the County's Vendor Registration System (CVRS) at www.mcipcc.neto