

## **New Orleans Business Alliance Gig Workers**

### **Award Size**

\$500 - \$1,000; dependent on a determination of need

### **Eligibility for Multiple Awards:**

Yes. Applicants can re-apply after 45 days if they remain eligible.

### **Approval Criteria:**

- Proof of residency in Orleans Parish
- Proof that  $\geq 60\%$  of income is generated via “gig-work”
- Demonstrated loss of income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
- At or below 100% Annual Median Income (AMI) Guidelines (Reference)

### **Document Requirements:**

- Driver's License, bill, or bank statement proving residency
- Independent Contractor Agreement(s) or other proof of gig-related employment
  - 2018 or 2019 Tax Return demonstrating income threshold
- Bank statements reflecting a minimum of 90 days of income activity, prior to March 9, 2020
- Bank statements reflecting compromised income for a minimum of 7 days, post March 9, 2020

Please note, if you lack any of these sources of documentation, we're still willing to work with you. Please send us an email, so we can work with you to come up with a solution.

**APPLY HERE:** <https://www.nolaba.org/relief-fund/>

### **Ineligible Recipients:**

- Workers with full-time employment outside of the gig-economy
  - Workers domiciled outside of Orleans Parish

### **Grant Disbursement:**

For immediacy, funds will be disbursed via PayPal. Checks are also available, if necessary.

Funding Source for Relief Fund \$100,000 was committed by NOLABA. That commitment was immediately matched by Mrs. Gayle Benson, with continued room for follow-on contributions from corporations, philanthropy, and individuals.

Individual contributions will be processed via Commit Change, which takes a 3% fee for each transaction. Corporate gifts will be collected via check or ACH payment.

## **Restaurant Employee Relief Fund \*APPLICATION OPENS THURSDAY APRIL 2, 2020\***

Through the **Restaurant Employee Relief Fund**, we will provide grants to restaurant industry employees who have been adversely impacted by COVID-19, financially, whether through a decrease in wages or loss of employment.

- Apply for a grant starting Thursday, April 2, 2020
- Each approved grant is \$500, one per person only
  - See Eligibility Requirements listed below

Grants will be awarded as soon as possible to those individuals who meet the prescribed eligibility criteria, as reviewed and verified by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF). Subject to the availability of funds contributed to the Fund, a one-time grant of \$500 will be disbursed directly to the applicant following NRAEF's review and confirmation that their submitted application meets the prescribed guidelines. Awards will be limited to one grant per person.

LEARN MORE AND APPLY HERE: <https://rerf.us/apply-for-aid/>

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### **Greater New Orleans Foundation Service and Hospitality Family Assistance Program**

**\*\*CAPACITY HAS BEEN REACHED FOR THIS FUND, BUT WE RECOMMEND  
STAYING TUNED TO THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA OR  
WEBSITE. [WWW.GNOF.ORG](http://WWW.GNOF.ORG)\*\***

#### **Who is eligible?**

- Service and hospitality workers with children and/or qualified dependents
- Worked more than 32 hours per week in restaurants, bars, or hotels in the Greater New Orleans Foundation's 13-parish region prior to March 9,

2020

- Household income was at or below 80 percent of the parish's area median income (AMI), which is \$53,900 for family of four in Orleans Parish

GNOF's 13-parish region includes Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, and Washington parishes.

To learn your parish's AMI, please click [here](#).

Documentation you must submit with your application:

To complete the application, you will need to submit:

- Electronic copy of your driver's license or other government-issued ID
  - Pay stubs for most recent 30 days
- Copy of your most recent 2018 or 2019 federal tax form

**Application Process:** The Greater New Orleans Foundation would like to thank everyone for their interest in the Greater New Orleans Foundation Service and Hospitality Family Assistance Program Supported by Mrs. Gayle Benson, McIlhenny Company, maker of Tabasco®. We have received 1,000 applications and have reached our capacity at this time. Please visit our website and social media channels for updates on future opportunities.

**Review Process:**  
We will accept the first 1000 applications we receive and then review them by lottery order. Applications will be reviewed within ten days and awards will be transmitted within 14 days. Due to limited funds, we will not be able to provide awards to all eligible applicants; however, we are working to raise additional funds to serve more families.

As more donations are made to the program, grants will be made to eligible applicants who have submitted fully completed applications.

Need help with your application? Please email [grants@gnof.org](mailto:grants@gnof.org).