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City of East Providence awarded \$150,000 “Take it Outside” Grant

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The City of East Providence has been selected by the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation as a “Take it Outside” grant awardee.

The funds will enable the City to provide up to \$10,000 in grant funding to East Providence small businesses that are working to take business services outside during the pandemic.

“We are grateful to Gov. Dan McKee and the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation for granting us this award,” Mayor DaSilva said. “These funds will assist our East Providence small businesses with the necessary funds to obtain goods or services to increase outdoor opportunities for both the small businesses and our residents.”

The businesses may apply and use the funds to purchase chairs, tables, heat lamps, tents, outdoor Wi-Fi systems, masks, hand sanitizer, staffing, security, insurance costs related to specific outdoor activities, lighting, power sources, relevant signage, bike racks, and other costs for purchasing or obtaining goods or services that, in the sole discretion of the City, are deemed necessary to increase outdoor opportunities for impacted small businesses. Businesses may apply beginning May 2022.

Of the full \$150,000 grant funding, 20 percent will be allocated to businesses in the following categories: Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)-owned businesses, Women Business Enterprise (WBE)-owned businesses, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)-owned businesses.

In response to the impact on small businesses, the City applied for the funds through a competitive process seeking more than \$4.8 million in grant funding. East Providence businesses interested in the grant support should: **APPLY for the Take it Outside 2022 Grant**

Read more about Governor McKee's Rhode Island Rebound – Take it Outside announcement here: <https://eastprovidenceri.gov/news-announcements/planning-economic-development/mckee-administration-announces-48m-grants-expand-0>

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