



Help Protect 351,800 Tennessee Jobs By Investing in Tennessee's Restaurant and Bar Community

3,785 Tennessee Restaurants Applied for Over \$915 Million in Relief, Only 1,163 Small Businesses Received Funding

Future of Tennessee's 11,693 restaurants and bars locations depend on refilling the Restaurant Revitalization Fund

Leisure and Hospitality Industry Has Accounted for 59.7% of All Jobs Lost in Tennessee

According to our recent survey, 86% of Independent Restaurants are in danger of closing permanently without RRF including:

- The Mockingbird, Nashville, TN
- Tansuo, Nashville, TN
- Grabbagreen, Nashville, TN
- Chezlama Hatian Cuisine, Nashville, TN
- Life Is Brewing, Murfreesboro, TN
- McEwen's, Memphis, TN
- The Majestic Grille, Memphis, TN
- Jackson Square Meals, Oak Ridge, TN
- Tandem Restaurant, Germantown, TN

Independent restaurants and bars accumulated 20 months of losses and need relief to pay down their debts. If they do not receive relief soon, these businesses will not survive the winter.

- **2,622 Tennessee restaurants and bars did not receive the funding they applied for** because Congress underfunded the RRF. [\[SBA\]](#)
- **The COVID-19 pandemic has cost restaurants and bars over \$280 billion in sales.** [\[US Census\]](#)
- **Over a third of the country has implemented indoor masking requirements.** [\[Open Table\]](#)
- **Costs necessary for running a restaurant are rising.** These businesses continue to deal with pandemic-induced headwinds — over the past year, the prices of (57%), grains (55%), eggs (36.7%) and shortening and cooking oil (41.5%) have surged. [\[PPI Report\]](#)
- **According to a recent survey, 60% of adults changed their dining habits due to the Delta variant.** Consumer hesitancy will continue to hamper restaurants' and bars' revenue generating abilities. [\[NRA Report\]](#)
- After accumulating 20 months of debt, restaurants and bars cannot simply fix their balance sheets with a few weeks of near-capacity business operations afforded by loosened restrictions and summer outdoor dining. **Approximately 90,000 restaurants and bars have closed during the pandemic.** [\[NRA Report\]](#)
- Investing in restaurants and bars protects Tennessee's \$14.2 Billion industry. [\[NRA TN\]](#)
- Refilling the RRF would support Tennessee's vast restaurant supply chain, protecting the state's bakers, fisherman butchers and 67,300 small farms. [\[Compass Lexecon Report\]](#)