



Refill the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to Help Protect 16 Million American Jobs

80% of Restaurants are in Danger of Closing if Congress Doesn't Replenish the RRF

278,304 American Restaurants Applied for Over \$72.2 Billion in Relief, Only 101,004 Small Businesses Received Funding

2 Years of Lost Revenue and Mounting Debt Leaves Uncertain Future For 500,000 Independent Restaurants and Bars

According to our recent survey, 80% of Independent Restaurants are in danger of closing permanently without RRF, including:

- Ascension Coffee, Dallas, TX
- The Mockingbird, Nashville, TN
- Chubby Fish, Charleston, SC
- Ignite, Lenexa, KS
- City Greens, New Orleans, LA
- Kaleis Kitchenette, Chula Vista, CA
- Ellas Oyster Bar, Miami, FL
- The Walrus Room, Geneva, IL
- Freehold Country Pub, Freehold, NY
- Basil Asian Bistro, Canton, OH

Independent restaurants and bars have accumulated 2 years of losses and need relief to pay down their debts. If they do not receive relief soon, these businesses will not survive the winter.

- **The COVID-19 pandemic has cost restaurants and bars over \$280 billion in sales.** [[US Census](#)]
- **40% of all states have implemented dining restrictions.** [[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 beef (22.8%), grains (20%), eggs (31.2%) and shortening and cooking oil (44%) have surged. [[PPI Report](#)]
- The Omicron variant decimated restaurants on the verge of closure. **98% of restaurants reported their sales decreased in December 2021.** [[Independent Restaurant Coalition](#)]
- 42% of businesses that did not receive RRF grants are in danger of filing for or have filed for bankruptcy.
- After accumulating 2 years of debt, restaurants and bars cannot simply fix their balance sheets with a few weeks of near-capacity business operations. **Approximately 90,000 restaurants and bars have closed during the pandemic, according to the National Restaurant Association.**
- Investing in restaurants and bars protects the nation's \$760 billion independent restaurant industry. [[Compass Lexecon Report](#)]
- **Restaurant and bar employment is down over 824,000 from its pre-pandemic levels, stopping a decade of rapid job growth.** Employment for restaurants and bars increased over 33% in the last decade: the third fastest growth of any industry. Restaurants and bars account for one in five jobs lost during the pandemic. [[Bureau of Labor Statistics, B - Tables](#) + [National Restaurant Association.](#)]
- **Until the pandemic, restaurants added middle class jobs at a rate over three times faster than the rest of the economy.** [[National Restaurant Association](#)]