

California Restaurant Foundation awards much-needed new grants to struggling restaurants

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CRF awards second round of Resilience Fund grants to 356 restaurants

The California Restaurant Foundation (CRF) has just awarded [Resilience Fund](#) grants to more than 300 restaurants in need of help as they recover from the impacts of the COVID-19

pandemic. The grants will help fund a wide variety of needs, including new equipment and employee retention programs. This is possible thanks to generous funding from California's energy companies and from Wells Fargo.

"Independent and locally owned restaurants are the backbone of so many communities – they welcome and accommodate our first dates, post-game celebrations and the many times we just don't feel like cooking. They add vibrancy and uniqueness to every city, which is why the Resilience Fund is so important," said Alycia Harshfield, Executive Director of CRF. "Restaurant owners have worked tirelessly over the last two years to keep doors open and feed their community, and we're grateful to SoCalGas, PG&E, SDG&E and Wells Fargo for recognizing that it's critical to continue to support and invest in local restaurants."

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Carlsbad works toward permanent solution for outdoor dining permits

The city of Carlsbad is taking steps to allow expanded outdoor dining to continue for restaurants. The CRA has fought for – and continues to support – expanded outdoor dining. This way of serving guests has gained popularity as communities fight COVID-19, and it proved to be a lifeline for many struggling restaurants.

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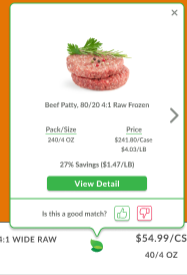
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356 Restaurants to Receive \$3,000 from California Restaurant Foundation

Restaurants Care, a relief fund powered by CRF, announced \$3,000 grants to 356 independent restaurants. This was made possible by significant donations from SoCalGas, PG&E, and SDG&E. Grant funds can be used to invest in equipment upgrades or retention bonuses. In addition, Wells Fargo will power one-year of support services for these restaurants including a membership to the CRA! Since 2017, Restaurants Care has provided relief funds to 674 restaurants and 1,829 food and beverage workers.

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If you haven't already registered your business through CalSavers, you can still do so. There is a deadline coming up that we've told you about before, but with everything that restaurants have had going on over the last two years, we thought you'd appreciate seeing this information again.

As a reminder, CalSavers is the state-administered retirement plan for workers whose employers don't offer a 401K or other plan. As an employer, you don't have to offer a plan of your own, but you do have to register with CalSavers, make your employees aware of it, and facilitate the payroll deduction for those who wish to participate.

Learn more and register here: <https://www.calsavers.com/?language=en#>

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The Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) program is now being offered by the CRA. The training is required under new California law. In the last [News You Need to Know](#) video, Sabrina tells us the value of the training and all it provides, including teaching alcohol servers how alcohol influences behavior, and how to identify signs of intoxication.

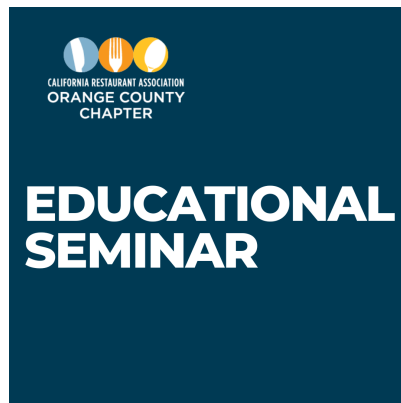
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