

KERN BIZ GRANT ELIGIBILITY FAQs

1) Is a residential daycare eligible?

Response:

No. Recipient(s) must be owners or tenants of commercial, industrial, or mixed-use property. Residential property is ineligible.

2) Is a food truck eligible to apply if the truck has a tenant agreement (rents space) on a commercial, industrial, or mixed-use property?

Response:

No. Location must be permanent.

3) Can a local park apply?

Response:

No. A park is generally not considered commercial, industrial, or mixed-use property. It is typically classified as public or recreational land, often zoned as open space, recreational, or public facility.

4) Are nonprofits, including churches, eligible to apply?

Response:

No. Eligible Applicants include only privately owned businesses located within Kern County's unincorporated communities. Nonprofit organizations are not considered privately owned businesses and therefore do not meet the eligibility criteria for this program.

5) Replacement of on site equipment such as Ice Machine and Portable Barbeque grills?

Response:

No. Replacement of onsite equipment such as ice machines or portable barbecue grills – these are considered non-permanent and portable equipment, which are ineligible expenses.

6) Removing trees and stump removal?

Response:

No. Tree and stump removal – this is not listed as an eligible site enhancement and may be considered routine maintenance, which is also ineligible.

7) What should I do if my business address doesn't show up on the online eligibility map?

Response:

Contact Project Development Solutions directly. We can help verify your address and confirm if it falls within unincorporated Kern County.

8) How can I find my Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)?

Response:

If you're unsure of your parcel number, reach out to Project Development Solutions and we can help you identify it through the Kern County Assessor's Office.

9) Can a property owner apply directly for the Kern Biz Grant, or does it have to be the tenant business?

Response:

Yes, a property owner can apply directly for the Kern Biz Grant.

According to the program guidelines, eligible applicants include privately owned businesses located in unincorporated Kern County, and recipients must be either the owners or tenants of commercial, industrial, or mixed-use property. There is no requirement that the applicant must be the tenant — property owners are fully eligible to apply independently.

10) Which email address should I use for submitting my application?

Response:

Please use proposals@pdevsolutions.com.

11) Are there other resources available to help businesses who may not qualify for this grant or need additional funding?

Response:

Yes. The CSUB Small Business Development Center and Kern Women's Business Center are both available to support businesses with funding resources, loan readiness, and additional programs.

12) What if I'm a tenant and not the property owner?

Yes, Tenants are eligible but must have:

- A lease agreement of at least three years
- Written consent from the property owner for the proposed improvements

13) Can I begin construction before my application is approved?

No. You must wait until a **grant agreement is fully executed**. Any work done beforehand will not be eligible for reimbursement.

14) Is this grant paid upfront?

No. This is a reimbursement-based grant. You must complete the work and submit proof of payment to receive funds.

15) What documentation is required for reimbursement?

Receipts, invoices, copies of checks or bank statements, and proof the work was completed (e.g., "after" photos). All work must comply with county code and any required permits.