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## Division of Taxation

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### Online application now available for grant program

*For businesses subject to restrictions under Governor's Executive Order - RI on Pause*

PROVIDENCE — The Rhode Island Division of Taxation announced today that the online application for a new grant program is now available via the following link: [www.tax.ri.gov/RlonPause](http://www.tax.ri.gov/RlonPause).

The application, available in English and Spanish, is for a grant program announced by Governor Gina M. Raimondo on November 25 and is intended to aid businesses whose operations will be closed or severely limited for a two-week period, starting Monday, November 30, 2020, under the Governor's Executive Order – RI on Pause.

The restrictions are part of the State's renewed efforts to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic as the number of cases has risen worldwide in recent weeks.

Using federal Coronavirus Relief Funds, the Governor authorized the payment of grants to these impacted businesses.

Under the program, the Rhode Island Department of Revenue's Division of Taxation will issue grants to eligible businesses adversely impacted by the pandemic. Each such grant will range from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$50,000.

The relief program will be paid for through federal funds that have been made available to the states for pandemic relief.

#### WHAT'S NEW

The Rhode Island Division of Taxation today launched an online application, available in English and Spanish, so that eligible businesses directly affected by the new pandemic-related restrictions announced on November 25 may apply for grants quickly and efficiently. Use the following link:

<http://www.tax.ri.gov/RlonPause/>

**RI on Pause: \$100 Million for Businesses & Families**

<p><b>\$50 Million Directly to Rhode Island Businesses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Businesses closed or severely limited during the pause are eligible for a grant up to \$50,000</li><li>• Grant size based on business revenues</li><li>• Application will be available Friday at <a href="http://TAX.RI.GOV">TAX.RI.GOV</a></li></ul>	<p><b>\$50 Million Directly to Rhode Islanders</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Additional \$400 (\$200 per week) for all Rhode Islanders receiving unemployment benefits during the pause</li><li>• Additional supports for low-income Rhode Islanders</li></ul>
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In coordination with the Governor's announcement, the Division of Taxation on November 25 launched a new webpage, including frequently asked questions, to explain how the program works and provide businesses and their advisors with helpful information regarding applying for the grants, including the program's terms and conditions.

To access the online application, please visit the new program webpage link:

<http://www.tax.ri.gov/RlonPause/>.