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Spending deadline extended for grant program recipients *Original deadline of December 30, 2020, now extended to January 31, 2021*

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The deadline for Rhode Island on Pause or Early Closure Program for Bars and Restaurants grant recipients to expend grant funds has been extended to January 31, 2021. The extension applies to both checks issued under the Rhode Island on Pause program.

The original rules required that the grants be used on or before today – December 30, 2020 – for expenses incurred; however, that deadline has now been extended to January 31, 2021. The change announced today only affects the spending deadline. All other terms and conditions of the grants remain in effect.

“The grants utilize stimulus funding from the federal government, which originally required that recipients use the grants on or before today, December 30, 2020. However, the federal government recently extended the deadline for stimulus funds to be utilized, and the Division is subsequently extending recipients’ deadlines to use the grant payments to January 31, 2021.” said Rhode Island Tax Administrator Neena Savage.

“In addition, the United States Postal Service has been experiencing some delivery delays due to high volume over the holidays amid the pandemic. Therefore, the extended deadline that we are announcing today will benefit those who only recently received, or who have yet to receive, their checks from the grant programs,” she said.

The following is a brief summary of each program.

- “Rhode Island on Pause” was announced by Rhode Island Governor Gina M. Raimondo on November 25, 2020. It aimed to support specified industries directly impacted by the Pause restrictions and the coronavirus pandemic. Grants range from \$750 to \$75,000. Applications were due December 14, 2020. For more information, see: <http://www.tax.ri.gov/RIonPause/>.
- “Early Closure Program for Restaurants and Bars” was announced by Governor Raimondo on November 5, 2020. It aimed to support certain bars and restaurants directly impacted by a State-mandated early closure of in person operations. Grants range from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Applications were due December 15, 2020. To learn more, see: <http://www.tax.ri.gov/RICares/>.

For more details about the grant programs, including contact information, please use the following link: <http://www.tax.ri.gov/RIGrants/index.php>.¹

The Rhode Island Division of Taxation office is open to the public 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. business days. To learn more, see the agency's website: www.tax.ri.gov, or call (401) 574-8829.

¹ This Advisory represents the Division’s official notice of the grant program change involving the spending deadline. The FAQs for each grant program will not be updated to reflect the new spending deadline.