CITY OF HAZLETON
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
40 N. CHURCH STREET
HAZLETON, PA 18201

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USDA RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN FUND (RBELF)

0% LOAN FOR CITY-WIDE RESTAURANTS WHO WERE AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR THE PURPOSE OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REOPENING TO FULL SERVICE OF PURCHASING INVENTORY
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Funding assistance from the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBELF) will be used for business loans to city-wide restaurants who were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic for the purpose of costs associated with reopening to full service such as the purchasing of inventory.

The amount of the loan would be for up to two and one half (2 ½) times the amount that the restaurant paid in Mercantile Tax to the City during the previous year up to a maximum of $2,500.

Funds will be disbursed after invoices are submitted to the City and approved.

The terms of the loan are as follows:

- **Interest:** 0%
- **Term of loan:** Two (2) years
- **Payment terms:** Quarterly payments beginning six (6) months after receiving loan funds from City.
APPLICANT:
Name: _________________________________________________
Home Address: __________________________________________

Home/Cell Phone #: ______________________________________

OWNERSHIP:
___________ Sole Owner
___________ Partnership
___________ Limited Partnership
___________ Corporation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
NAME OF BUSINESS: ______________________________________
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: _____________________________________
PHONE NUMBER OF BUSINESS: _______________________________

DESCRIPTION OF PURPOSE OF THE LOAN: _______________________
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)
RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN FUND (RBELF)
APPLICATION
APPLICANT’S CERTIFICATION:

The applicant(s) certifies that all information provided in this application, and all information furnished in support of the application is given for the purpose of obtaining business assistance and is true and complete to the best of the applicant’s knowledge and belief. Verification may be obtained from any source herein.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________________

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USDA RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN FUND AGREEMENT

This Agreement entered into this __________ day of __________ 2020 by and between the City of Hazleton, Pennsylvania (Hereinafter referred to as the City) and ________________________________ doing business as ______________________ located at __________________________________ Hazleton, PA 18201. This Agreement sets forth the components of the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Loan Fund Program.

As per the application submitted for the purpose of purchasing inventory provided by you in the amount of $____________________ have met the requirements of the program. Upon receipt of invoices for the above and inspection by the Code Enforcement Official, the City will release the funds in the amount of $____________________.

This loan shall become due and payable immediately to the City upon any sale, transfer, relocation or other disposition, including refinancing of the subject property and business.

This amount will be provided through a 0% loan for a period of two (2) years. Repayment will be made with eight (7) quarterly amounts of ______________ and the final quarterly payment in the amount of $____________________. This loan will begin six months after receiving the loan funds.

__________________________________
OWNER

__________________________________
Date
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USDA RURAL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE LOAN FUND
CHECKLIST

___________ Application
___________ Copy of Business License
___________ Evidence taxes are current including Merchantile Tax
___________ Copy of Merchantile Tax
___________ Copy of Fire/Liability Insurance
___________ Copy of invoices
___________ Code Enforcement Office inspection of inventory purchased