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**DOORDASH TO PROVIDE \$150,000 IN COVID-19 RELIEF GRANTS TO HELP ANCHORAGE RESTAURANTS**

*DoorDash's latest Main Street Strong effort will support restaurants as they continue to recover from the COVID-19 crisis*

ANCHORAGE – DoorDash today announced it would provide \$150,000 in local grants as part of its expanded COVID-19 relief grant program to help Anchorage restaurants. Restaurants will be able to apply to receive a \$5,000 grant to be used to offset costs associated with the ongoing pandemic. The grant program is part of the company's \$200 million, 5-year Main Street Strong Pledge, which includes a \$10 million effort to help restaurants in select cities across the United States and Canada.

"The grants meet the need on two levels - first, it will provide an influx of much needed funding to local business owners to make necessary accommodations to keep their doors open, and secondly, it allows us to regain the confidence of the public and demonstrate the commitment of proprietors to create a safe environment," said Bruce Bustamante, President & CEO of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce. "Together, we can generate momentum we need to help our members and the community regain economic recovery."

"Anchorage's restaurant industry has been experiencing immense hardship throughout this pandemic resulting from three local shutdowns, tight restrictions, and the lack of tourism," said Sarah Oates, President & CEO of Alaska Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant, & Retailers Association. "These relief funds will empower businesses by giving them resources to persevere through the rest of the public health crisis. CHARR is proud to partner with DoorDash in its efforts to support Merchants in Anchorage."

"DoorDash is committed to helping our restaurant partners through this difficult time and we're proud to provide additional financial support through our Main Street Strong Pledge," said Laura Curtis, Senior Manager, Government Relations, West at DoorDash. "These resources will allow restaurants to keep their doors open in Anchorage and support the local community."

The program will be administered by DoorDash's partner, [Hello Alice](#), a technology that helps small businesses launch and grow. Hello Alice will manage the application and selection processes as well as the distribution of funds. Grant recipients will be selected based on criteria set out in the application, and a process intended to help ensure equal access to funds and eliminate selection bias.

[Applications](#) are available today through February 17th, 2021, and selected restaurants will be notified by March 1, 2021. Hello Alice will begin grant distribution in March, with all restaurants

receiving their grant by early May. Eligible restaurants will be located in Anchorage, must have 3 stores or fewer currently operating; \$3M or less in 2019 annual revenue per store; and employ 50 people or fewer per store.

“We’re thrilled to work with DoorDash in its Main Street Strong Pledge,” said Elizabeth Gore, Co-Founder and President of Hello Alice. “Small businesses play a great role in our economy, both locally and nationally, and have been severely impacted by COVID-19. This funding can make a world of difference for owners in these trying times and we look forward to contributing to their continued success.”

Any restaurant that applies will receive free access to the Hello Alice platform, which offers peer-to-peer networking, mentorship, and tools such as the COVID-19 Restaurant Resource Center, a curated list of industry-specific resources, information from fellow restaurant and food service owners about the challenges they’re facing, and how-to guides designed to help restaurants reopen the doors and get back to business.

In addition to these funds, DoorDash also announced that with the reopening of the Payment Protection Program (PPP), it has extended its [previous partnership with BlueVine](#), a leading provider of small business banking solutions and an official direct non-bank PPP lender, to make PPP loans more accessible to both First Draw and Second Draw merchant partner applicants. DoorDash is proud that in the first round, the company helped nearly 200 merchants receive over \$6 million in PPP loans.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, DoorDash has taken significant active steps to ensure the safety of our entire community, including:

- Main Street Strong Pledge committing \$200M over five years to support restaurants, Dashers, and the broader community
- Providing \$120 million in commission relief and marketing investments
- 50% reduction in commissions for mom-and-pop restaurants, plus 0% commissions for pickup and 0% commissions for restaurants new to DoorDash
- Free personal safety equipment for Dashers, including hand sanitizer, gloves, wipes, and masks
- Two weeks of earnings for eligible Dashers affected by COVID-19
- COVID-19 screenings and telemedicine appointments for Dashers for just \$4 per visit

Read more about DoorDash’s efforts to help restaurants through our grant program [here](#).

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### **About DoorDash**

DoorDash is a technology company that connects consumers with their favorite local and national businesses in more than 4,000 cities and all 50 states across the United States, Canada, and Australia. Founded in 2013, DoorDash enables local businesses to address consumers’ expectations of ease and immediacy and thrive in today’s convenience economy. By building the

last-mile logistics infrastructure for local commerce, DoorDash is bringing communities closer, one doorstep at a time.