



## Food Access Fund: Third Round of Grants Opening on Monday, June 27



(Washington, DC—June 15, 2022) – This week, the Mayor announced that the third round of the Food Access Fund will open for applications on Monday, June 27, making up to \$7.3 million in grant funding available. The Food Access Fund is a grant program to increase equitable access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food by securing grocery stores and restaurants, fast-casual restaurants, and other food access points in areas with low food access, with a focus on Wards 7 and 8.

To date, the Food Access Fund has awarded 16 food-related businesses more than \$12.7 million in grant funding for projects located in Wards 7 and 8, and, with the Council's approval of the FY23 budget, the Food Access Fund stands at \$73 million for Fiscal Years 2021-2024.

### Food Access Fund awardees for the second round of grants included:

1. **Miss Toya's Southern Cajun Kitchen** will be opening in Ward 7's Penn Branch neighborhood.
2. **Duffy's Irish Pub** plans to deliver a full-service restaurant in Ward 7's Stadium Armory neighborhood.
3. **Tropical Smoothie Café** is set to open a new store in Ward 7 as part of the Skyland Development.
4. **Atlas Brew Works** will open a new restaurant in Ward 8's Bridge District.
5. **La Cabana Restaurante** will be a full dine-in restaurant and bar also located in Ward 7's Skyland neighborhood.
6. **Sandlot Anacostia** will open in Ward 8's Bridge District.
7. **Cheers from Ivy City** will be located in Ward 8's Historic Anacostia neighborhood. It will also include a culinary incubator for training and job readiness programs.
8. **Smokehouse at the Strand** will be located in Ward 7's Deanwood neighborhood, and is set to revive the historic Strand Theatre that has been vacant for twenty years.

Learn more about the Food Access Fund at [obviouslyDC.com](https://obviouslydc.com).