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### Apply for a Winterization Grant Today

As a reminder, the District government has implemented the Streatory Winterization Grant Program. The grant provides \$6,000 for winterizing your outdoor dining space. Apply by clicking [here](#). Funds can be used for things such as tents, heaters, propane, lighting, furniture, etc.

If you have already applied for the grant, you will receive a notification letter that includes the request for the itemized budget for the equipment you will purchase with the grant funds and, if applicable, additional documentation to be submitted for the final approval. Make sure you respond to this letter ASAP with requested materials, so you can receive funds in a timely manner.

The District has also released a Streatory Winter Ready Dining Guide to help guide you with the Do's and Don'ts for winter outdoor dining. Click [here](#) for a copy of the guide. The guide is being updated to clarify some issues of concern that were noted after its release, but it is useful to view to help you get started. Some of the changes that will be made are:

- Heaters (propane and electric) will be allowed under canopies/tents as long as they are open on at least 3 sides, and they must be 5 feet away from the ceiling and sides of the canopy/tent and any other combustible materials.
  - Electric heaters that meet other requirements outlined in the guide are permitted in canopy/tents that are closed on more than one side.
  - Propane heaters are not allowed in canopy/tents that are closed on more than one side.

- The requirement to keep outdoor dining areas at no less than 68 degrees will now only apply to canopies/tents that are closed on more than one side.
- Tents that are 400 feet or larger require an additional permit from DCRA. You can obtain the additional permit by submitting supplementary information with your application through TOPS. The required items are outlined on page 4 of the guide.

As a reminder, the city created an expedited approval process for propane heaters and for tents less than 400 square feet in size. The agency has promised it will take 36-hours upon submission of the application to get approval. This streamlined process will happen through DDOT's TOPS platform. Click [here](#) to enter TOPS. Inspections should not be a prerequisite to approval, and any inspections should take place after the fact, in the normal course of business.

For any questions regarding the grant, please contact [nightlife@dc.gov](mailto:nightlife@dc.gov).

Regards,  
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