

**Aurora Safety and Security Grant Program**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**  
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**What is the Aurora Safety and Security Grant Program?**

The city of Aurora is making available \$3 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to provide grants to eligible businesses, nonprofits and community groups in Aurora to make safety and security upgrades. Of this \$3 million available, the city will allocate \$500,000 specifically to entities located along Colfax Avenue between Yosemite Street and Peoria Avenue and between 14th and 16th avenues.

**What is the goal of the program?**

The program goal is to support physical changes to Aurora business, nonprofit and community group locations to increase safety and security.

**What kind of help is available and how may the funds be used?**

Grant funds of up to \$10,000 will be allotted to each eligible applicant. Funding may be used to make physical changes related to lighting, alarms, cameras, windows, entrance doors and mirrors, allowing law enforcement to more efficiently and effectively respond to public safety issues.

**Who may apply?**

The grant program is open to businesses, nonprofits and community groups who have a physical location in Aurora (residential locations are not eligible); have no more than 500 employees or are a small business concern as defined in section 3 of the Small Business Act (sole proprietors are eligible); are in good standing with the city of Aurora with respect to taxes, fees or other financial obligations to the city; are in good standing with the Colorado Secretary of State's Office; can provide proof of IRS federal tax-exempt status dated within the last five years (nonprofits only); and have a current Aurora business license and be licensed for at least three months (businesses and nonprofits only). The following businesses are ineligible: marijuana (medical and recreational), businesses offering adult services or products, multi-level marketing/pyramid, real estate investment firms, speculation-Based businesses, businesses engaged in any illegal activities, gambling, and businesses/nonprofits primarily engaged in political or lobbying activities.

**When can I apply?**

The application process will open May 16, 2022, at [AuroraGov.org/ARPAGrants](https://AuroraGov.org/ARPAGrants).

**How does the application process work?**

The streamlined application process is quick and easy. The link for the application is located at [AuroraGov.org/ARPAGrants](https://AuroraGov.org/ARPAGrants) starting May 16. Applicants who qualify will sign a grant agreement with the city, go through a Safety and Security Assessment with the Aurora Police Department to identify and approve upgrades, and then work with city-approved, local contractors to complete the work.

**How is the funding distributed?**

The city will pay the grant funding for each applicant project directly to city-approved, local contractors. The installation work will be awarded to these contractors that can answer a call to service that has been posted.

**Is this the only time that funding will be available?**

Additional ARPA grant funding programs will launch in June to support businesses and nonprofits in other ways. Information will be posted at [AuroraGov.org/ARPAGrants](https://AuroraGov.org/ARPAGrants) when available.

**What if I have questions?**

Email [ARPAGrants@auroragov.org](mailto:ARPAGrants@auroragov.org) or call 720.892.0620.