1. Description

As the COVID-19 pandemic subsides, the restaurants and small business owners in Greektown Chicago are still trying to recover from 15 months of lost revenue averaging 70 to 80 percent decline in revenue. The forecast for the restaurant and small business industry to recover from the pandemic is predicted to take a minimum of twelve months and up to twenty-four months. Going into this year’s Taste of Greektown 2021, the financially strapped restaurants and small businesses are suffering from the lack of funds to pay expenses. As Taste of Greektown offers the restaurants and small business owners an opportunity to catch up financially, most are unable to bear the expense of participation.

The Taste of Greektown 2021 Rebate Program was created as an emergency response to COVID-19 to ensure the continuity of merchant participation in Taste of Greektown 2021. The Program is funded by Greektown Special Service Area (SSA) #16. The goal of the program is to support local Greektown businesses adversely impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak by providing incentives in the form of rebates to approved participants within SSA #16 boundaries that invest in the below eligible expenses and entry fees for Taste of Greektown 2021.

2. Eligible Expenses

Application Entry Fee #1: for the TOG comes with the following amenities, at a cost of $3,912 (includes Reg One fees, since they register online)

- 10’ x 20’ space along with an additional 10’ of adjacent grilling area
- City food vending permit fee
- 10’ x 20’ tent
- 10’ counter for serving
- Electricity
- Tent lighting
- 1- signage banner
- Sanitation sink

Application Entry Fee #2: for the TOG comes with the following, at a cost of $2,840 (includes Reg One online fees).

- 10’ x 20’ space
- City food vending permit fee
- 10’ x 20’ tent
- 10’ counter for serving
- Electricity
- Tent lighting
- 1- signage banner
- Sanitation sink

**Application Entry Fee #3:** for the TOG comes with the following amenities, at a cost of $900 (includes Reg One fees, since they register online)

- 10’ x 10’ Booth space (larger sizes available)
- 10’ x 10’ Tent (no sides)
- City Vending Permit fee

**Application Entry Fee #4:** for the TOG comes with the following amenities, at a cost of $2500 (includes Reg One fees, since they register online)

- 10’ x 10’ Booth space (larger sizes available)
- 10’ x 10’ Tent (no sides)
- City Vending Permit fee

**Application Entry Fee #5:** for the TOG comes with the following amenities, at a cost of $4000 (includes Reg One fees, since they register online)

- 10’ x 20’ Booth space (larger sizes available)
- 10’ x 20’ Tent (no sides)
- City Vending Permit fee

**3. Rebate Amounts**
Applicants that meet all program requirements outlined in this document may receive a rebate of up to 100% of eligible costs, not to exceed a total of $4,000. Due to the evolving nature of COVID-19 and its impacts on businesses, the SSA #16 Commission reserves the right to implement additional eligibility requirements as it deems reasonable, and change or terminate the program at any time. These measures are meant to support Greektown SSA #16 businesses during this transitional period so local businesses can continue to function and promote themselves, keep local dollars local, and stimulate economic activity.

**4. Eligible Applicants & Expenses**
Applicants must be located in the Greektown SSA #16. Applicants may only seek a rebate for measures that are used to promote their business and ensure continuity of operations. Applicants must be the entity paying for the project and must submit receipts and/or proof of payment for eligible expenses.

- Receipts must be dated on or before August 31, 2021
- Applicants must comply with all requirements and deadlines set forth in these guidelines and respond to any questions in a timely manner.
To the extent that the owner or tenant is supplying their own materials or labor for the project, profits and overhead are not eligible expenditures for a rebate.

5. Application Process

Applications are subject to review and approval by the SSA #16 Commission and a business shall only be awarded a Taste of Greektown 2021 rebate once, subject to funding availability. Applications must be submitted no later than August 31, 2021. In case applications exceed current funding, a lottery will be held. Depending on funding, additional rounds of applications may be created after August 31, 2021. NOTE: The Greektown SSA #16 Commission is aware that time is of the essence, and processing all rebate applications will remain a priority during this crucial period. Please submit The Taste of Greektown 2021 Rebate Program Application and paid invoices/receipt of payment to Tia Angelos at tia@greektownchicago.org no later than August 31, 2021.
Business Name: _______________________________________________________________________________

Business Location: __________________________________________________________________________

Street Address City State ZIP Contact Information: ___________________________________________________________

Name of Contact Person ______________________________________________________________________________

Phone Email _______________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing address _____________________________________________________________________________________

Taste of Greektown 2021 Rebate Program Reimbursement Expenses: Please list items purchased (for total up to $4,000). Copies of paid invoices/receipts must be attached to application in order to be eligible for rebate reimbursement.

1. ______________________________________________________________________________________________
   Item Purchased Amount Paid

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   Item Purchased Amount Paid

* Taste of Greektown 2021 Rebate Program will provide a rebate of expenses up to $4,000.

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Total Amount Paid Amount Requested Statement of Understanding

The applicant (undersigned) agrees to fully and timely comply with the guidelines and procedures of the Greektown SSA’s Taste of Greektown Rebate Program and the outlined specifications as agreed to by the applicant and the SSA Commission. It is understood by the applicant that paid invoices or receipt of payment are required documentation, and that they have read the entire Taste of Greektown 2021 Rebate Program Guidelines and Application and agree to be fully bound by their terms and conditions.
APPLICANT RELEASES AND AGREES TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY THE WEST CENTRAL ASSOCIATION AGREES TO DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY THE WEST CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (TOGETHER WITH THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND AGENTS), GREEKTOWN SSA #16 COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF CHICAGO FROM ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION OF ANY KIND (KNOWN OR UNKNOWN) IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TASTE OF GREEKTOWN 2021 REBATE PROGRAM.

Applicant’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: _________________

Applicant’s Name: Please print_____________________________________________________
Applicant’s Title: _________________________________________________________________

Please submit the Taste of Greektown 2021 Rebate Program Application and copy of paid invoices/receipt of payment to Tia Angelos tia@greektownchicago.org no later than August 31, 2021

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