



16th Street Vending Grants

About

The Downtown Denver Partnership in conjunction with Denver Economic Development and Opportunity have developed 11 grant opportunities for entrepreneurs interested in building, owning, and operating a kiosk or cart on 16th Street. All vendors interested in a grant must review and adhere to the [16th Street Mall Vending Program guidelines](#).

Type of Unit	# of grants	Amount for each grant
F&B Kiosk	3	\$12,500
Retail Kiosk	4	\$7,500

*Note: kiosk and cart locations are typically limited to a 9x5 ft. footprint.

Disclaimer:

All grants will be given as a [reimbursement](#) after all guidelines are met, the unit is approved, and the kiosk or pushcart is placed on 16th St. Vendors are responsible for caring for and maintaining kiosk or carts. Please note that this grant opportunity is solely for the fabrication of a kiosk. All grant recipients will be required to pay the monthly lease fee (please see the [2025 Vending Info Sheet for more information on pricing](#).)



Application Requirements

As part of the 2025 Vending Application, vendors interested in a grant must be prepared to answer the following questions:

- Provide a summary of your business journey (MAX. 500 words), including the development of the product idea, current stage of the retail business formation, and notable successes and challenges. What will your business bring to 16th Street and downtown Denver as a whole (Max 500 words).
- Visit the following website and familiarize yourself with the submarket characteristics of the neighborhood your preferred location is in: <https://www.whydowntowndenver.com/>. Why did you choose your preferred location and what do you think your business will bring to that neighborhood? (Max 500 words).

Selection Criteria

All grant applications will be thoroughly reviewed by the Mall Use Committee and an additional selection committee on the following factors:

- Completeness of application, with all necessary documents submitted. Applications with missing documents will not be considered.
- Thorough and detailed answers to all questions.
- Product uniqueness in relation to current 16th Street retail and food offerings.



Ready to apply?

Scan the QR code to be redirected to the application for or visit the following website:

<https://downtowndenverpartnership.typeform.com/to/VZFurWwz>



Application Timeline

1. Submit application

Submit your digital application by March 14.

2. Grant Selection Committee

Your application will go through a selection committee to review your product mix and application answers.

3. DDP staff review and recommendation

Your application will be reviewed by DDP staff for compliance with design guidelines. As part of this process, vendors will finalize their operations agreement, unit designs, and preferred location on 16th St. This may be an iterative process. You must have DDP staff recommendation to proceed to Mall Use Committee.

3. Mall Use Committee

Your application will be reviewed in early April by the Mall Use Committee to ensure that your unit is a good fit for 16th St. operationally.

4. Approval notice and lease agreement

If your application is reviewed and approved by both the Mall Use Committee and the selection committee, you will receive an award letter and information on next steps by mid-April.

5. Unit build-out

Units can be built or purchased AFTER final approvals from DDP. Once all designs of the unit are approved, NO changed can be made to the approved design.

6. Commissary license (F&B only)

F&B kiosk vendors are required to obtain a [commissary license](#) and F&B cart vendors are required to obtain a [food cart license](#) through the City of Denver's Excise and License office. Commissary licenses can only be obtained once the unit is built.

7. Unit placed on 16th St.

You will be connected to DDP's operations team to schedule the move of your unit by the end of May. Transport of the unit is at the vendor's expense.

8. Grant awarded

Grant funding will be disbursed once the unit is placed on 16th and comply with ALL Health and Fire Department regulations.





Application and Review Process

