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DoorDash Nears \$1M Invested in Black-Owned Restaurants With Latest #BlackFoodEnergy Cohort
30 Black-owned and Black-led restaurants across Canada receive over \$10,000 in grants each to grow, hire, and expand their businesses.

DoorDash Canada, in partnership with Black Opportunity Fund, is awarding more than \$300,000 to 30 Black-owned and Black-led restaurants across the country – bringing total grant investment through #BlackFoodEnergy to \$950,000.

The latest cohort reflects DoorDash’s commitment to improving access to funding and resources for Black entrepreneurs in the restaurant industry. Each recipient will receive over \$10,000 in funding, along with a one-year Restaurants Canada membership – providing access to industry-leading research and insights, advocacy on key policy issues, and a national network of operators and partners to help support long-term business growth.

“What makes so many Canadian communities special is their vibrant and diverse restaurants, yet access to capital remains one of the biggest barriers to success for many entrepreneurs,” said **Delly Dyer, Integrated Marketing Lead at DoorDash Canada**. “Through our #BlackFoodEnergy grants, we’re backing restaurant owners with the funding and support they need to grow, hire, and continue serving their communities.”

From neighbourhood staples in Toronto and Montréal to growing businesses in Charlottetown and Kamloops, this cohort represents a wide range of cuisines and cultures, including Ethiopian, Eritrean, Nigerian, Senegalese, and Caribbean. Many plan to use the funding to expand operations, invest in equipment, and create jobs in their communities.

“We’re proud to continue our partnership with DoorDash to support Black-owned restaurants across Canada and celebrate the range of culture represented within the culinary industry,” said **Craig Wellington, CEO of Black Opportunity Fund**. “It’s exciting to see how these businesses will put their grants to work, building stronger businesses that are pillars in their communities.”

Recipients of #BlackFoodEnergy grants from this year are:

ONTARIO

- Plato Royal — Toronto
- Naija Jollof — Toronto, North York, Waterloo, Brampton, Mississauga
- Coral Resto-bar — Scarborough
- Cee’s Kitchen — Etobicoke

- African Chop Bar — North York
- RP Restaurant and Bar — Woodbridge
- Honey Soul Food — Toronto, Mississauga
- King Rustic Kitchen and Bar — Toronto
- Your Cyber Chef — Toronto
- Yaya’s Kitchen — London
- IJAT Restaurant — Ottawa
- Ibex Habesha Restaurant — Ottawa
- Pili Pili Charcoal Grill — Ottawa
- Safari Grill — Ottawa
- TriniCanJam — Hamilton

QUEBEC

- Délices de Maman Dogui — Québec City
- La Bokiterie — Québec City
- Mama’s Chop — Gatineau, Ottawa
- Lamp Fall Restaurant — Montréal

ALBERTA

- Habesha Cravings — Edmonton
- Franyz Kitchen Nigerian Cuisine — Calgary

BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Afrofusion — Kamloops
- Vansuya Restaurant and Lounge — Surrey
- Tommie’s Jerk — Surrey

SASKATCHEWAN

- 3J’s Kitchen — Saskatoon
- DeeBestie’s Nigerian Restaurant and Bar — Moose Jaw

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

- Toks Aroma — Charlottetown

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

- G&M Cuisines — St. John’s

NEW BRUNSWICK

- Chopshave — Saint John

"We are incredibly honoured to receive a #BlackFoodEnergy grant from DoorDash," says **Gillian Salazar, Owner of TriniCanJam Cuisine** in Hamilton, ON. "This support will help us continue sharing our unique

fusion of Trinidadian, Jamaican, and a little Canadian cuisine with more people in our community. The flavours of the Caribbean are bold, vibrant, and full of life. We're passionate about bringing those flavours to the table and encouraging people to explore something new."

"Habesha Cravings is a place where friends can come together over the incredible flavours of authentic food from Ethiopia and Eritrea," says **Nunu Deslange, Owner of Habesha's Cravings** in Edmonton. "We are incredibly lucky that we were able to turn our passion into our life's work. #BlackFoodEnergy is helping us to continue that dream."

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