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Spain Offers Flood-Hit Valencia Restaurants Up to 10,000 Euros in Direct Aid

A decree published Wednesday gives self-employed owners 5,000 euros and small companies 10,000 from a recovery fund shared with retail and tourism

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Restaurants, bars and other hospitality businesses in flood-hit municipalities in the Valencian Community will be able to apply for direct public aid of up to 10,000 euros per establishment under Royal Decree-Law 33/2026, which Spain published in the Official State Gazette on Wednesday, November 11.

According to the decree, the hospitality sector is included in a 15 million euro fund that is shared with commerce and tourism. The money is not reserved only for restaurants and bars. That means the line for hospitality is part of a broader emergency package for businesses in the affected areas rather than a stand-alone program for the sector.

The text sets two main aid levels. Self-employed business owners can receive 5,000 euros per establishment, while small and medium-sized companies can receive 10,000 euros per establishment, according to the decree published in the BOE. The measure applies to establishments located in municipalities in the Valencian Community that were affected by the flooding and related events.

The legal text is part of a wider emergency response to the damage caused by floods and other incidents that took place between October 17 and October 19 as a result of the DANA weather event. The decree-law was adopted on Tuesday, November 10, and then published in the BOE the following day.

For the hospitality industry, the measure provides direct liquidity at a time when many businesses may be dealing with damage to premises, interrupted activity and the cost of reopening. The amounts set in the decree give small operators and local companies a defined level of support, but the overall pool is limited because the 15 million euros must also cover eligible businesses in retail and tourism.

The BOE text gives the sector a clear place within the government’s emergency package for the Valencian municipalities affected by the October storms. It frames the aid as part of urgent action to address the economic impact of the flooding, with hospitality treated as one of the business activities most exposed to disruptions in the disaster area.

The measure is especially relevant for small establishments, which make up a large share of Spain’s hospitality industry and often have limited financial capacity to absorb sudden repair costs or long periods of reduced trading. By fixing the grants at 5,000 euros for self-employed operators and 10,000 euros for small and medium-sized enterprises, the decree creates a simple support structure tied to the size of the beneficiary.

The publication in the BOE gives the measure formal legal effect and confirms the government’s decision to use an emergency decree-law to respond to the storm damage. In practice, the aid places hospitality businesses alongside retailers and tourism operators in the same recovery framework for the affected Valencian municipalities.

The decree does not present these payments as a nationwide hospitality support plan. Instead, it targets businesses in the municipalities hit by the October 17 to October 19 events. For restaurants, cafes and other food service operators in those areas, the main verified change is that they now have access to a direct grant scheme established in law, with aid capped at 10,000 euros per establishment for eligible small and medium-sized companies and 5,000 euros for eligible self-employed operators.