

Welcome to our webinar!

Disaster Relief Funding for Local Government



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Local leaders are on the frontline of this crisis

Follow-up Resources



Email containing links to the resources we cover today and the latest Localgov articles with disaster relief funding updates



You will receive a recording of this webinar



We will try our hardest to answer as many questions as possible. You can also schedule a 15-minute individual assessment of your disaster recovery funds potential

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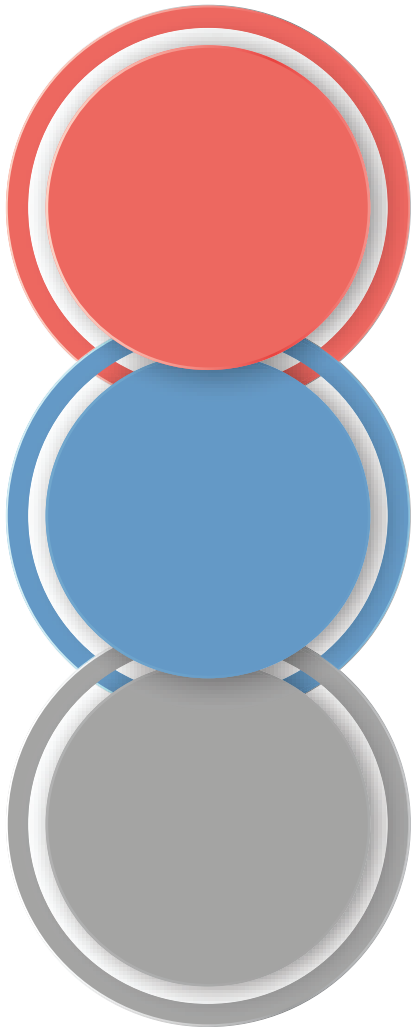
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Disaster Relief Funding Resources



Initial Federal Action & CARES Act

The CARES Act provides fast and direct economic assistance for American workers and families, small businesses, and preserves jobs for American industries.

Coronavirus Relief Fund

A part of the CARES Act is the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which provides \$150 billion in direct federal fiscal support to governments in states, territories, and tribal areas to cover expenditures incurred due to COVID-19.

FEMA Public Assistance

Public Assistance is a reimbursement program that provides federal funding to help communities respond to and recover from disasters.

Initial Federal Action

Initial Steps

- Families First Coronavirus Response Act
- Municipal Liquidity Fund

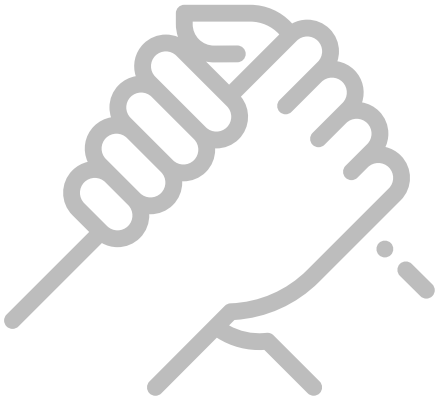
CARES Act

- **Economic Development Administration**—\$1.5 billion
- **Community Development Block Grant**—\$5 billion
- **Emergency Solutions Grant**—\$4 billion
- **Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program**—\$850 million
- **Paycheck Protection Program**—\$659 billion



Coronavirus Relief Fund

Allows reimbursement of expenditures incurred
“due to” the COVID-19 public health emergency.



Reimbursable Expense Categories:

- ✓ Expenses that address medical or public health needs
- ✓ Expenses incurred in response to second-order effects of the emergency. Such as, providing support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19 related business closures.

Coronavirus Relief Fund

Eligible Expenses



- ✓ Medical Expenses
- ✓ Public Health Expense
- ✓ Payroll Expenses
- ✓ Actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 related public health measures
- ✓ Provision of economic support in connection with COVID-19 emergency
- ✓ Miscellaneous COVID-19 related expense necessary for the function of government that satisfies the Fund's eligibility criteria

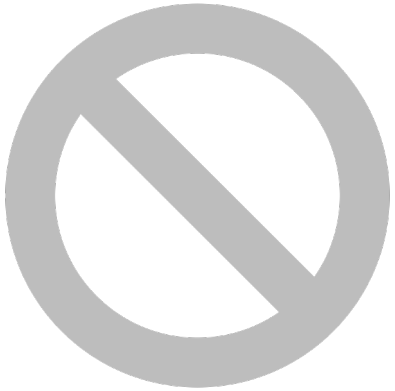
Coronavirus Relief Fund

Additional Stipulations

- Funds may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute.
- Expenditures were incurred due to COVID-19 only, were not budgeted, and were not incurred between March 1st and December 30th of this year.

Coronavirus Relief Fund

Ineligible Expenses



- Damages covered by insurance
- Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not dedicated to responding to COVID-19 emergency
- Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program
- Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services
- Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime
- Severance pay
- Legal settlements

Coronavirus Relief Fund

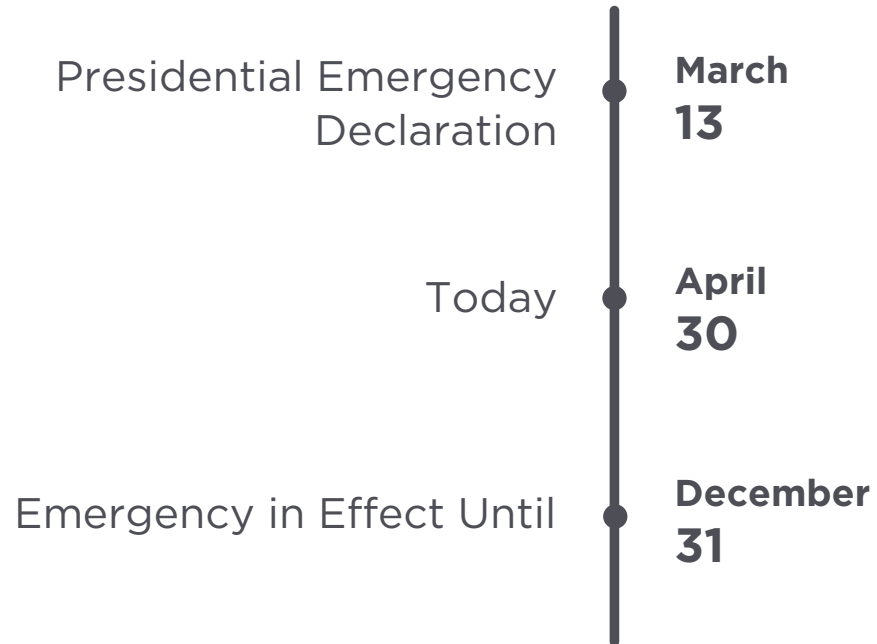
Funding Access

→ **Local Governments**—Populations of Over 500,000

→ **State Governments**

- Receive a minimum of \$1.25 billion
- Allocation determined by state
- Washington has been the only state to announce
 - \$250,000 per county and \$25,000 per city minimum with additional details to be announced
- Missouri and Montana have announced task forces

FEMA Disaster Recovery Process



What Can Be Reimbursed Through FEMA?

- Category B: Emergency Response Expenses
- FEMA is reimbursing 75% of expenses

FEMA Disaster Recovery Process



Calculate maximum reimbursement that considers salary, benefits, payroll taxes, retirement, etc.



Assess damages; costs related to disaster that are not ordinary expense (hand sanitizer, masks, software, etc.)



Support staff available for reimbursement process coordination



Assist in identifying other available funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic



75% reimbursable by FEMA

FEMA Recovery Challenges & Opportunities

Start the FEMA Process Early



- Loss of local government staff working with FEMA
- Keeping up with disaster specific policy changes
- Federal government resources depleted
- Another disaster occurs during current disaster
- Advanced approval of eligible reimbursement items
- Disaster recovery period unknown

Q&A Session

We will try to answer as many questions as possible



If you don't get your question answered or would like more assistance, you will be able to schedule a meeting on a form after the webinar or by following the link below.

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Revenue Review

Our proprietary software identifies rate and boundary errors in taxpayer databases. We then collect past due revenues on behalf of the municipality.



Ordinance Development

We implement best practice ordinances and policies gathered from our 25 years serving local governments.



Customer Service

We provide municipal and constituent customer support.



Monitoring & Management

We facilitate taxpayer transition to filing on our Localgov digital platform to streamline remittance and ensure compliance going forward.

Complete Revenue Management and Assurance Solution for Local Governments

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