

## **The Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES Act, Title V)**

### **Examples of Eligible Expenditures**

CARES funds are to be used to pay necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Treasury has provided guidance and 2 FAQ documents.

Some *potential uses and examples* are:

#### **Medical expenses such as:**

- COVID-19-related expenses of public hospitals, clinics, and similar facilities. Governments may use Fund payments to support public or private hospitals to the extent that the costs are necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Expenses of establishing temporary public medical facilities and other measures to increase COVID-19 treatment capacity, including related construction costs e.g. Field Hospital in Devos Place – If that becomes necessary.
- Costs of providing COVID-19 testing, including serological testing.
- Emergency medical response expenses, including emergency medical transportation, related to COVID-19.
- Expenses for establishing and operating public telemedicine capabilities for COVID-19-related treatment.

#### **Public health expenses such as:**

- Expenses for communication and enforcement by local governments of public health orders related to COVID-19.
- Expenses for acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment, for medical personnel, police officers, social workers, child protection services, and child welfare officers, direct service providers for older adults and individuals with disabilities in community settings, and other public health or safety workers in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency. Other mitigation supplies like Thermometers to take temperatures of all people entering County buildings, and staff to run them.
- Contact tracing of COVID-19 positive people including the hiring of additional staff to do tracing.
- Expenses for disinfection of public areas and other facilities, e.g., nursing homes, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Expenses for technical assistance to local authorities or other entities on mitigation of COVID-19-related threats to public health and safety.
- Expenses for public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19.
- Expenses for quarantining individuals e.g., Isolation for First Responders (Davenport) and hospitals to keep them from potentially infecting their families.

**Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency (Cannot pay workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime).**

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**Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures, such as:**

- Expenses for food delivery to residents, including, for example, senior citizens and other vulnerable populations, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
- Expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closings to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions.
- Expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
- Expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
- COVID-19-related expenses of maintaining state prisons and county jails, including as relates to sanitation and improvement of social distancing measures, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
- Expenses for care for homeless populations provided to mitigate COVID-19 effects and enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions e.g. Homeless Sheltering – Both Guiding Light and the new isolation in hotels and additional shelter space in GR Catholic Central.
- Supplies for the Medical Examiner e.g., body bags

**Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency, such as:**

- Expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures.
- Return to work PPE and site decontamination.
- Expenditures related to a local government payroll support program.
- The county may transfer funds to another local unit within the county and a county or city may transfer funds to its State provided that the transfer qualifies as a **necessary expenditure** incurred due to the public health emergency. *A transfer from the county to a constituent city would not be permissible if the funds were intended to be used simply to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify as an eligible expenditure*
- Unemployment insurance costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency if such costs will not be reimbursed by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act or otherwise.

**Any other COVID-19-related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the Fund's eligibility criteria.**