

Boone County CARES Act Funding Opportunity FAQ's

1. What is the Boone County Commission's goal with the CARES Act funding they received?

The Commissioners are striving to provide much needed funding for the most people in Boone County in a transparent and accountable manner that adheres to the requirements imposed by the federal government and the State of Missouri. All funding reimbursements are intended to address the impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic in Boone County.

2. What are some of the basic rules provided for this funding opportunity?

Recipients of these funds must be able to show that:

- the costs were necessary and incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- the expended funds were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020.
- the expenses were incurred by the applicant between March 1 and December 30, 2020.

3. What are some of the permissible uses of these CARES Act funds in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

- Medical expenses
- Public health expenses
- Payroll for public safety, public health care, human services and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 related public health measures.
- Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.

4. What are some of the NON-permissible uses of these CARES Act funds?

- Expenses for the State share of Medicaid.
- Damages covered by insurance.
- Employee wages or expenses for employees not dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19 public health emergency.

- Expenses that have been, or will be, reimbursed under any federal program such as unemployment compensation.
- Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services.
- Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime.
- Severance Pay.
- Legal settlements.

5. Will an application request from a small business be considered if that business has accessed resources such as the EIDL or PPP programs?

Funds cannot be used for expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program such as unemployment compensation.

6. I am not affiliated with a government, health care, non-profit, or for profit business, am I an eligible applicant?

Yes, but applications from public organizations will be given a higher priority for these limited funds.

7. Will there be any type of priorities given to CARES applicants?

Yes. More applications for funding are expected than can be fulfilled. Because of that, and based upon local interest, the following prioritization of requests will be utilized:

1. Health related needs.
2. Government related needs.
3. Not-for-profit service organizations.
4. For profit entities.

8. Can organizations submit more than one grant request?

An organization can submit more than one request. It is ENCOURAGED that organizations file separate applications for reimbursement of already-incurred expenses from applications for prospective, planned expenses as the documentation and vetting of the retrospective and prospective applications will be materially different.

9. What is the actual timeline for submitting applications for funding?

The final date applications will be accepted is November 16, 2020 or when the funds are exhausted, whichever is earlier.

10. What steps are there to the approval process?

It is anticipated that applications for funding will be vetted and presented to the County Commission for their consideration. If the County Commission approves an application it will enter a Commission Order reflecting that approval. The applicant will then be sent a funding contract to execute and return to the County Commission for approval. After the funding contract has been approved the applicant will submit the reimbursement requests, with adequate documentation, through Boone County's Office of Emergency Management.

11. Will I be required to sign a certification and enter into an agreement with Boone County before I will receive reimbursement for my approved expenses?

Yes.

12. How will applicants be notified if they are awarded funds from this program?

Applicants will be notified of their award or denial via e-mail from the portal where the application was submitted.

13. When will funds from this program be awarded?

Each application will be reviewed for completeness and circulated through our reviewing authorities including the County Auditor, County Treasurer, and County Counselor and will be acted upon by the County Commission as soon as possible. The application may be accepted, rejected, or approved in whole or in part.

14. What is the overarching purpose behind this funding opportunity?

The CARES Act funding opportunity in Boone County is designed to provide those impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency with financial relief through an application-based reimbursement program.

15. What if I am approved for a program, but I am unable to complete it prior to December 30, 2020?

If for any reason you are not able to incur expenses for your awarded program prior to the federal deadline of December 30, 2020 you will not be reimbursed. Boone County will then be required to return that portion of funds to the Treasury.

16. Can an organization apply for funding in advance?

As is typical of most federal grants, this program is being administered as a reimbursement program. You can apply to have a future program approved, and then if awarded you can submit claims for reimbursement once you have incurred costs. Please see other guidance on this site for eligible cost time frames.

17. What type of proof or documentation is required to verify accuracy and authenticity of requests?

Detailed receipts (invoices, payroll records) and any other specific requests stated in the award.

18. What if my organization is approved for a project, but we don't have enough money in our budget to pay for the program up front?

All funds received must be expended by the applicant on or before December 30. An application may be approved in advance of expenditures, but reimbursement will not be tendered until proof of expenditures is delivered to the Office of Emergency Management.

19. Does the funding I receive through this program have to be paid back to the County or the federal government?

No. The Treasury language is "relief funding" and these funds do not have to be paid back. There will have to be proof that the awarded funds were spent consistent with the grant application request and certification. Only in the event of a later determination that the expenditures did not adhere to the applicable federal and state restrictions would the applicant have to return funds awarded under this program.

20. Are funds awarded through this program subject to an audit?

The County of Boone and/or its designees or outside auditors reserves the right to audit any recipient of funds under this program in order to demonstrate compliance with federal requirements imposed on this funding source.

21. Where can I get additional information on the requirements of this funding?

This program will be administered so as to comply with the most-recent federal guidance. The most-recent guidance from the U.S. Treasury can be found here: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>

Thank you for your interest in the Boone County CARES Act Funding Opportunity. Any additional questions may be emailed using our contact form located at CARES.Boonemo.org