

Greene County CARES Relief Fund Application Information Sheet

The Greene County CARES Relief fund application is located at greenecountymo.gov. There is a CARES Act Relief Fund tab on the homepage that includes a dropdown button for easy access to the application.

This information sheet contains some additional guidance for the application.

What is the actual timeline for submitting grants?

The timeline is open until all grant funds are allocated. The application schedule is designed to ensure applications are reviewed and scored by the Advisory Council in an organized, timely manner.

Is there a deadline for submitting CARES application?

At this time, there is no formal deadline for application. Eligible entities are encouraged to apply until all funds are exhausted.

Is the deadline to apply the same for each of the five categories?

The application windows are suggested timelines to allow the Advisory Council to review and score each application in a timely manner. Our intention is to review applications on a rolling basis to allow the funds to be granted as soon as possible.

Will all the categories of funding have the same funding level?

The Greene County Commission has established funding levels within five categories. These levels are:

- Non-Profits/Community Organizations-\$5 million
- Health Care - \$8 million
- Small Business - \$6.5 million
- Education - \$4.6 million
- Tax Supported Entities - \$6.5 million

When will grants be awarded? How will organizations be notified?

As stated in the grant application, organizations will be notified by email and grants will be generally awarded on a rolling basis beginning the middle of August.

What if additional funding remains after grants have been reviewed and awarded?

If there are additional funds available after the initial application schedule, the application process will remain open. In addition, the Commission has established an 11% contingency from the total funds to allow for response to any type of spike or second wave in the pandemic.

Will the Advisory Council have the opportunity to review the grant applications?

The primary purpose of the Advisory Council is to review applications and make recommendations. Members will be divided into five subcommittees corresponding to the five funding categories.

Will the Advisory Council have an opportunity to provide input into the evaluation/criteria for prioritizing and selecting grants to be funded?

No. The eligible categories have been determined by the U.S. Treasury Department and the Greene County Commission has further determined how we will use those categories to allocate funds.

How will grant applications be scored?

Grant applications will be scored based on a rating form.

Can organizations submit more than one grant request?

An organization can submit more than one request, but it is recommended that it be contained in the same application. It is assumed that that this would reflect different aspects of agency operations and services.

If so, can they submit multiple requests for different needs?

It is recommended that they be consolidated in one application.

Does any funding or grants that are received 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 consistently with the grant application request.

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

Yes. If a need is demonstrated, consideration will still be given for small businesses that may have received other forms of assistance.

Under this application, what is considered a small business?

We are considering small businesses to be those with less than 50 employees.

What is the timeframe organizations can apply for funding based on the pandemic impact? Can an organization apply for funding in advance?

Funding can apply to eligible costs between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. Anticipated needs can be requested through this timeframe but the funds, if awarded, will be received based on documentation. In addition, the funds need to be spent during this timeframe.

What type of proof or documentation is required to verify accuracy and authenticity of request?

Receipts and any other specific requests stated in the grant award.

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

COVID expenses of a public health nature have the highest priority. Conformance to the guidance of eligible costs from the Treasury Department and a completed application will form the basis for additional consideration.

Is the grant application readily accessible to the public or subject to the Sunshine Law provisions?

Yes. The Greene County website will include a transparency portal to show funding categories and the allocation of funds. The public will know who applied for funding and the amount awarded to successful applicants.

Thank you for your interest in the CARES relief fund application process. Any additional questions may be emailed to Lyle Foster at lfoster@greencountymo.gov.