

McLeod County CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Q: Is my business or non-profit eligible to use these funds?

A: Eligible businesses and non-profit organizations must be located within McLeod County, and must have been established prior to March 1, 2020. The following three items are required for eligible expenses/reimbursements:

1. Necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, meaning the expenses are for actions taken to respond to the public health emergency including direct expenses and second-order effects of the emergency;
2. Not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and
3. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

Q: How long do I have to apply for funds from a city or township that is participating in the program with McLeod County? (A list of participating cities and townships is listed within the application)

A: All applications sent through McLeod County for consideration of the funds solely allocated to cities and townships must be received at McLeod County by October 30, 2020 (November 15, 2020 is the cutoff date for cities and townships to allocate funds, we need time to process the applications for these municipalities).

Q: If I receive funds from a city or township, how long do I have to spend those funds?

A: Funds received must be expended by December 1, 2020.

Q: How long do I have to apply for funds from McLeod County's allocation of funds?

A: Until Friday, November 20, 2020.

Q: If I receive funds from McLeod County's allocation, how long do I have to spend those funds?

A: Your funds must be spent by Tuesday, December 1, 2020. If you do not spend the funds by December 1, 2020, you must return them by December 5, 2020 to McLeod County. If you do not provide proof of purchase or receipt for funds used by December 1, 2020, you are required to return funds to the County by December 5, 2020.

Q: If I receive funds from a township, city, or the county, do I have to pay them back?

A: These dollars are intended to be used as a grant for eligible expenses. As long as you use the dollars received for eligible expenses, and you meet the requirements of being an eligible business or organization, you do not need to pay the grant dollars back.

Q: How will I be notified if my application was approved or denied?

A: You will receive email notification as soon as the application is approved by the McLeod County Board. The Board meets every 2 weeks on Tuesdays.

Q: How will I receive payment if my application is approved?

A: You will receive payment via check. Check payments will be issued monthly (biweekly as needed).

Q: If I received dollars from another program, but still have outstanding expense, can I apply for these grant dollars?

A: Yes. You cannot apply for the same portion of expenses which you already received money, but you can apply for the outstanding amount which was not funded.

Q: If I receive funds, will they be taxable? Will there be an impact on my business or organization income?

A: Please contact your accountant or the State of Minnesota to fully understand any taxable income impact that may be caused by receipt of these dollars.

Q: If I receive dollars, and I decide not to use them, how long do I have to return them?

A: Any unused funds must be returned by December 5, 2020.

Q: Who do I contact with questions?

A: Email questions to cares@co.mcleod.mn.us