PROGRAM GUIDELINES

During Phase III Saline County Coronavirus Relief Funds will be distributed to eligible Cities, Counties, and Schools for necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

An application process has been developed to determine eligibility in accordance with federal guidelines for receiving funding through this program. To seek funding the applicant shall submit the County adopted application form in a timely manner. The application for funds shall include a description of the services and materials purchased by the applicant and the cost for such items along with a receipt for payment. Reimbursement shall only be available for expenses incurred by the applicant from March 1, 2020 through December 15, 2020. The requirement that expenditures be incurred “due to” the public health emergency means that only eligible expenditures incurred for actions taken by the entity to respond to the public health emergency during the grant period dates will be considered for reimbursement.

The applicant may only seek funding that is permitted for reimbursement meeting the federal and state laws and guidelines prescribing the criteria and conditions governing the distribution of COVID-19 funds and the County’s requirements. Funds available from the County are limited in amount and not all eligible expenses may be funded for reimbursement. Funds will be allocated to eligible and qualified entities based upon availability.

Applications will be reviewed after receipt for eligibility along with the required documentation. Only those applications deemed to be complete and eligible will be processed and considered for funding. The County has designated the County Commission as the coordinator of the COVID-19 funding program for the County, and such officials shall make the final determination of eligibility and reimbursable amounts under the designated specified criteria. If the Applicant disagrees with a denial of any requested funds, the Applicant may appeal the decision to the County Commission in writing within five (5) business days of the denial. Such appeal shall set forth the rationale for the appeal. By submitting an application for program funds, the Applicant is agreeing to hold the County and its agents harmless from any and all liability arising out of the administration of the COVID-19 funding program by the County. For addl. information, please visit: https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf
PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The following list of non-inclusive entities will be considered eligible to request assistance under the Saline County CARES Relief Program during Phase III: Cities, Counties, and Schools.

Eligible expenditure examples include, but are not limited to, payment for:

- Expenses for communication and enforcement by State, territorial, local, and Tribal 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 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 safety workers in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Expenses for disinfection of public areas and other facilities, 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 to improve telework capabilities for employees
- Expenses for Distance Learning, including technology improvements
- Expenses of maintaining county jail as it relates to sanitation and improvement of social distancing
- Expenses of food delivery to residents & vulnerable populations
- Expenses for care of homeless populations provided to mitigate COVID-19

NOTE: Payroll expenses, including hazardous pay for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID public health emergency, (i.e. law enforcement, fire, ambulance, etc.) which are eligible under the CARES Act, may be considered for reimbursement during Phase IV of the application process.

Examples of ineligible reimbursements (non-inclusive):

- Expenditures for which an entity has received any other emergency COVID-19 supplemental funding (whether state, federal or private in nature) for that same expenditure or that have been, or will be, reimbursed under any federal program, such as the reimbursement by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act of contributions by States to State unemployment funds
- Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Any funds provided pursuant to this certification cannot be used as a revenue replacement for lower than expected tax or other revenue collections.
- Reimbursement to donors for services or donated items
- Workforce bonuses, other than hazardous duty pay, or overtime
- Severance pay
- Expenses for the State share of Medicaid
- Damages covered by insurance
- Legal settlements

Please submit or mail the attached application and expenditure documentation to Saline County CARES Relief Fund, Saline County Courthouse, Room 101, Marshall, MO 65340. The Saline County Commission has the right to approve or deny any reimbursement request. Eligibility will be determined based on available funding and whether or not the request meets the appropriate guidelines as set forth by the Care’s Act. Requests may be considered for full funding, partial funding, or may be denied entirely.

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