



Welcome to our webinar!

Disaster Relief & Recovery for Local Governments

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Follow-up Resources

1. Links to the resources we cover today and the latest Localgov articles with disaster relief funding updates.
2. You will receive a recording of this webinar and a PDF of the slide deck.
3. We will try our hardest to answer as many questions as possible during the Q&A session. We will answer all remaining questions after the webinar and provide a link to view these.
4. You can schedule a personal consultation of your financial maximization potential.

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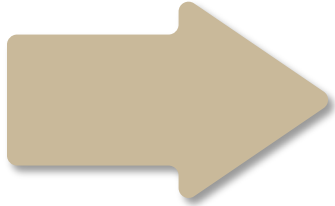
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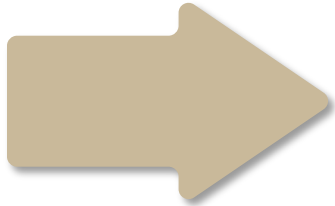
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Disaster Relief Funding Resources



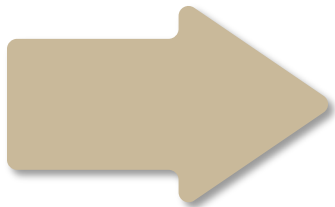
Initial Federal Action & CARES Act

The CARES Act provides fast and direct economic assistance for American workers and families, small businesses, and preserves jobs for American industries.



Coronavirus Relief Fund

A part of the CARES Act is the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which provides \$150 billion in direct federal fiscal support to governments in states, territories, and tribal areas to cover expenditures incurred due to COVID-19.



FEMA Public Assistance

Public Assistance is a reimbursement program that provides federal funding to help communities respond to and recover from disasters.

Initial Federal Action

Initial Steps

- Families First Coronavirus Response Act
- Municipal Liquidity Facility
 - In Illinois, the only communities directly eligible to participate are the City of Chicago and the following counties: Cook, DuPage, Lake, Will, and Kane

CARES Act

- **Economic Development Administration** — \$1.5 billion
- **Community Development Block Grant** — \$5 billion
 - Illinois Department of Commerce
- **Emergency Solutions Grant** — \$4 billion
 - Illinois Department of Human Services
- **Byrne Justin Assistance Grant Program** — \$850 million
 - Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
- **Paycheck Protection Program** — \$659 billion

Coronavirus Relief Fund

Allows reimbursement of expenditures incurred
“**due to**” the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Reimbursable Expense Categories

- ✓ Expenses that address medical or public health needs.
- ✓ Expenses incurred in response to second-order effects of the emergency. Such as, providing support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19 related business closures.

Coronavirus Relief Fund

Eligible Expenses

- ✓ Medical Expenses
- ✓ Public Health Expense
- ✓ Payroll Expenses
- ✓ Actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19 related public health measures
- ✓ Provision of economic support in connection with COVID-19 emergency
- ✓ Miscellaneous COVID-19 related expense necessary for the function of government that satisfies the Fund's eligibility criteria

Coronavirus Relief Fund

Additional Stipulations

- Funds may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute.
- Expenditures were incurred due to COVID-19 only, were not budgeted, and were incurred between March 1st and December 30th of this year.

Coronavirus Relief Fund

Ineligible Expenses

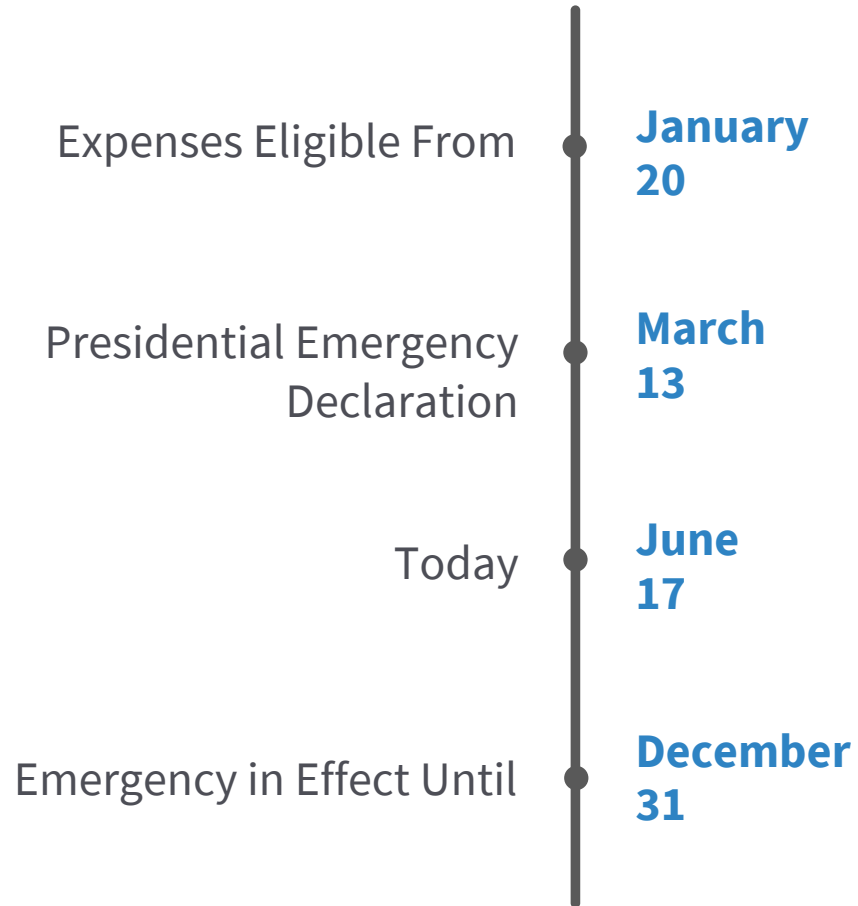
- Damages covered by insurance
- Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not dedicated to responding to COVID-19 emergency
- Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program
- Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services
- Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime
- Severance pay
- Legal settlements

Coronavirus Relief Fund

Funding Access

- **Local Governments**—Populations of Over 500,000
 - In Illinois, the only communities directly eligible to participate are the City of Chicago and the following counties: Cook, DuPage, Lake, Will, and Kane.
- **State Governments**
 - Receive a minimum of \$1.25 billion
 - Allocation determined by state
 - In Illinois, a law change was necessary for these funds to be distributed to local governments. The law has passed and will become effective on July 1st. Expect additional information to come out over the coming weeks. \$250 Million has been allocated through the Local CURE Fund.

FEMA Disaster Recovery Process



FEMA Eligibility

- Applicants-State, Territorial, Tribal, Local Government & certain Private Non-Private (PNP)
- Procurement-Exigent or Emergency
- Category B: Emergency Response Expenses
- FEMA is reimbursing 75% of expenses

FEMA Disaster Recovery Process



Calculate maximum reimbursement that considers salary, benefits, payroll taxes, retirement, etc.



Assess damages; costs related to disaster that are not ordinary expense (hand sanitizer, masks, software, etc.)



Support staff available for reimbursement process coordination



Assist in identifying other available funds in response to the COVID-19 pandemic



75% reimbursable by FEMA

FEMA Recovery Challenges & Opportunities

NOW is the Time—Activate FEMA Process



- Loss of local government staff working with FEMA
- Keeping up with disaster specific policy changes
- Federal government resources depleted
- Another disaster occurs during current disaster
- Advanced approval of eligible reimbursement items
- Disaster recovery period unknown
- More than 10, FEMA Disaster Declarations After COVID-19

Financial Recovery for Local Governments



Are you getting every penny from your existing tax sources?

Address boundaries and gross revenue calculations

1. Electric and gas
2. Cable franchise fees
3. Sales tax



Are you overpaying on utility bills, evaluating energy and telecom costs?



Adopting software that digitizes government and hedges risk.

1. Opportunities to make tax and fee collection contactless with online options
2. Software to evaluate your revenue sources and use that knowledge to allocate your resources to the weak spots

Financial Recovery for Local Governments



Look for new streams of revenue (local control is better).

- Short-term Rental Platforms—more than you think!



Keeping up with the times.

1. Hotel-Motel Ordinances
2. Cable Franchise Fees



Schedule a Consultation with Azavar

localgov.org/financial-recovery-program

Q&A Session

We will try to answer as many questions as possible



If you don't get your question answered or would like more assistance, you will be able to schedule a meeting on a form after the webinar or by following the link below.



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