

COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP)

SEDA-Cog

Purpose

- PA Act 1 of 2021 provides a number of COVID-related relief grants. One of those is an appropriation to counties based on population to provide relief to Accommodation and Food Service sectors of the economy. By the legislation counties are to utilize Certified Economic Development Organizations to administer the grant.

General Rules

- Electronic Grant application to open March 15
- Rolling application process
- Applications close June 15 or earlier if all funds are allocated
- Grants are to be in \$5,000 increments with no grant larger than \$50,000
- A grant may not be awarded to pay for the same eligible operating expenses for which an applicant received previous COVID-related funds

General Rules--continued

- Eligible applicants must:
 - Have less than 300 full time employees
 - Have \$15,000,000 or less of tangible net worth
 - **Show a 25% reduction in gross receipts**
 - Other...

Priority is given to Eligible applicants who:

- Did not receive a loan or grant under previous COVID-19 programs,
- Was affected by the governor's closure proclamations

OR

- Can demonstrate a reduction in revenue of at least 50%

Application Window #1

- March 15-March 28—first window open
- March 29-April 2—SEDA-Cog team reviews applications and creates draft grant list
- April 5-9—County Commissioners review tentative list for eligibility
- April 12—Letters of approval go out to grantees

Other Application Windows

- March 29-April 18
- April 19-May 16
- May 17-June 15
- Windows may close earlier if county funds are fully expended

Calculating Grant Amounts

- Funding eligible expenses
- Eligible expenses include: Payroll, Mortgage/Rent/Lease and Utilities from March 1, 2020 through application date
- Must subtract out PPP and/or other COVID-related relief that paid for same expenses (so as to not double dip)
- Grant Basis Amount=Payroll+M/R/L+Utilities-other relief

Calculating Grant Amounts (continued)

Grant Basis	Grant
Amount	Amount
\$5,000-\$40,000	\$5,000
\$40,001-\$80,000	\$10,000
\$80,001-\$120,000	\$15,000
\$120,001-\$160,000	\$20,000
\$160,001-\$400,000	\$25,000
\$400,001-\$800,000	\$30,000
\$800,001-\$1,200,000	\$35,000
\$1,200,001-\$2,000,000	\$40,000
\$2,000,001-\$4,000,000	\$45,000
>\$4,000,000	\$50,000

Application

- Will be available beginning March 15 at
- www.csgiving.org
- You may link this address from your County website