











## COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants












Both the State COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant and Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) provide funding to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak.

**Additional rules apply to the CRF. Grantees are charged with determining whether or not an expense is eligible based on the US Treasury's Guidance and as provided in the grantee's contract scope of work with Commerce.**















To assist governments with this determination, Commerce has developed an [eligibility cost test](#). This test gives each government full authority to make the appropriate call for each circumstance.















## Eligible Expenses & Examples





Category	Examples <i>Eligible expenses and activities include but are not limited to:</i>	State COVID-19 Emergency Response Grant	Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF)
Medical	COVID-19-related expenses of public or private hospitals, clinics, and similar facilities.		
	Temporary public medical facilities and other measures to increase COVID-19 treatment capacity, including related construction costs.		
	Costs of providing COVID-19 testing, including serological testing.		
	Emergency medical response expenses, including emergency medical transportation, related to COVID-19.		
	Establishing and operating public telemedicine capabilities for COVID-19-related treatment.		

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	Expenses associated with contact tracing.		
	Expenses associated with vaccine readiness planning.		
Public Health	Expenses for communication and enforcement of public health orders related to COVID-19. <i>For example, community education through flyers and PSAs and costs to support public safety officers' expanded schedules needed to provide enforcement.</i>		
	Acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment for workers and community members. <i>For example, providing masks, sage, sanitizer, vitamin packs and other protective supplies to community members.</i>		
	Disinfection of public areas and other facilities in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.		
	Expenses for technical assistance on mitigation of COVID-19-related threats to public health and safety.		
	Expenses for public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19.		

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	Expenses for quarantining individuals; the creation and operation of isolation and quarantine housing and related expenses. <i>For example hotel/motel rental costs, laundry services, and food service.</i>		
Payroll	Expenses for employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.		
	Hazard pay (additional pay) for performing hazardous duty or work involving physical hardship related to COVID-19.		
	Increased worker's compensations costs. <i>For example, first responders and health care workers that contract COVID -19.</i>		
Actions to comply with COVID-19-related public health measures	Expenses for food delivery to residents to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions. <i>For example, costs of supplies and equipment associated with expanded food programs.</i>		
	Expenses associated with the increased demand for social service programming such as Elder care services, behavioral health services, etc.		
	Expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closings to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions. <i>For example, laptops for students.</i>		
	Costs associated with the safe reopening of schools. <i>For example, PPE for students and installing additional ventilation or air filtering equipment.</i>		

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	Expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.		
	Expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.		
	COVID-19-related expenses of maintaining prisons/jails, including improvement of sanitation and social distancing measures, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.		
	Expenses for providing care to homeless populations to mitigate COVID-19 effects and enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions. <i>For example, expanding shelter beds to comply with social distancing guidelines.</i>		
Economic Support	Small business grants to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures.		
	Expenditures related to payroll support programs.		
	Unemployment insurance costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency if such costs will not be reimbursed by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act or otherwise.		

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	<p>Financial assistance to individuals and families suffering from employment interruptions, income loss or expense increase due to COVID-19.</p> <p><i>For example, consumer grant programs to provide rental or mortgage assistance, utility assistance, financial costs for funeral expenses or other individual needs.</i></p>		
	<p>Training programs for people that have been furloughed due to COVID-19.</p>		
	<p>Expenses associated with helping people enroll in government benefit programs for those who have been laid off due to COVID-19.</p>		
Other Expenses	<p>Expenses to meet the need arising from the public health emergency in a cost-effective manner by leasing property or equipment or by improving property already owned.</p> <p>Capital improvement projects with Federal CRF: Please see question 28 in the <a href="#">US Treasury FAQ</a></p>		
	<p>Real property acquisitions to address COVID-19.</p> <p>Federal CRF: Please see question 58 in the <a href="#">US Treasury FAQ</a></p>		
	<p>Expand rural broadband capacity to assist with distance learning and telework.</p> <p>Federal CRF: Please see question 36 in the <a href="#">US Treasury FAQ</a></p>		
	<p>Costs to address increase in solid waste as a result of COVID-19.</p>		

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	Expenses related to remarket and publicize the resumption of activities and steps taken to ensure a safe experience.		
	Upgrades to critical public health infrastructure such as providing access to running water for individuals and families to allow them to maintain proper hygiene.		

For more information and resources: <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/tribal-government-covid-19-emergency-response-grants/>

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