

Eligibility for Faith-Based Organizations

- A qualifying faith-based organization will be required to apply through the Department of Finance Submittable grant portal. Once an applicant enters the application portal system, the applicant will have to verify that it:
 - Has been established prior to March 1, 2020 and is a 501(c)(3) or other faith-based organization based in Alabama.
 - Has incurred eligible expenses due to the pandemic, such as Operational Costs, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Cleaning and Sanitation, and Medical up to the amount requested.
 - Has not received reimbursement from a federal program, such as Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan, Economic Injury Disaster Loan, or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) or, if received or expected to receive, incurred eligible business interruption expenses up to the amount requested that were not covered with these funds.
 - Does not exist for the purpose of advancing partisan political activities, does not directly lobby federal or state officials, and has not employed or otherwise worked with a lobbyist as defined in Section 36-25-1, Code of Alabama 1975, at any point during 2020.
 - Is not a faith-based hospital, college or university, or other organization that will be assisted through other funding opportunities.

- A qualifying faith-based organization will also have to certify that the amounts distributed through this program will not be used for the following purposes:
 - As reimbursement for cost or damages covered by insurance.
 - For expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program, including the PPP, Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, or PUA.
 - For reimbursement to donors for donated items or services.
 - For workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime.
 - For severance pay.
 - For legal settlements.

- A qualifying faith-based organization will also have to authorize the Department of Finance and applicable federal agencies to disclose the information provided in its application for CARES Act funds necessary for the administration, disbursement, and audit of the CARES Act funds. In addition, a qualifying faith-based organization will have to authorize the public disclosure of the applicant's name and the amount of CARES Act funds received.