

Frequently Asked Questions

General

- What is the Alabama Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organization Grant Program?

This program is to assist Alabama-Based Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations to address unprecedented needs in our communities. U.S. Treasury guidance allows the State to use Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) dollars for qualified expenditures. Therefore, the State of Alabama will offer cash grants in an amount up to \$15,000 for organizations that meet eligibility requirements.

- Where did the funding come from?

Alabama received approximately \$1.8 billion from the CARES Act Fund. \$25 million of these funds will be distributed to Alabama's nonprofits and \$25 million will be distributed to faith-based organizations as \$15,000 cash grants.

- Are the Alabama Nonprofit and Faith-Based Grant Programs two separate applications?

Yes.

If you are an Alabama-Based Nonprofit, you will click on the Nonprofit Application [Link](#). If your organization is Faith-Based, you will click on the Faith-Based Application [Link](#).

- What is the timeline of the application?

Monday, August 3, 2020

Starting on August 3, 2020, 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits and faith-based organizations are encouraged to complete an application through Submittable [Online Portal](#).

Friday, August 14, 2020

Application period closes at noon on August 14, 2020.

- What is the deadline to complete the application?

On August 14, 2020 at noon.

- How many organizations will receive the funds?

There is no set cap on the number of organizations that may be awarded a grant. Grants will be awarded to qualifying applicants on a first-come-first-served basis until the funds are exhausted.

- What type of expenses are not permissible under this grant?

- *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.

For further context of permissible use of the grant award, please review Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance and Coronavirus Relief fund Frequently Asked Questions on the [U.S. Department of the Treasury Website](#).

- How will I be notified about the status of my application?

To find out the status of your application, please log into your online portal.

- Is there a way for me to know that my application was successfully submitted?

You will receive an email confirmation letting you know your application has been submitted. You may also log into your online portal.

- Who can I contact to follow up with my application?

Please log into your online portal to find the status of your application.

Eligibility

- Are there eligibility requirements?

Yes. Please refer to the applicable Eligibility Requirements for the grant program you are applying for on the Alabama Nonprofit and Faith-Based Grant Program [page](#).

- Are for profit businesses eligible to apply?

No.

- Are organizations that are located out of the state of Alabama eligible to apply?

No.

- If I received a Paycheck Protection Program loan, and Economic Injury Disaster Loan or other COVID-19 related relief, am I eligible to apply?

Yes. An entity may still apply if it received or is expected to receive money from a federal program such as the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance, or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program. However,

amount requested from this grant program should not exceed incurred eligible business interruption expenses, less amounts received from other programs.

- If found to be ineligible, are there other grant programs that I can apply for?

Yes. The [Coronavirus Relief Fund Website](#) will have information about other grant opportunities and support as it becomes available.

Application Process

- What information do I need to have to complete my application?

You will need information about the organization, including the organization's EIN (Non-Profit Organizations only), copy of an updated W-9, copy of current IRS tax-exempt Letter of Determination, and any other supporting documentation that may be deemed necessary for award.

- Will I have the option to save my application to make any changes and submit later or will I be required to complete the application in one setting?

You may save your application and come back to it at a later date (prior to application deadline) using your online portal credentials.

- Can the application be changed after it has been submitted?

No. Once the application has been submitted, you will not be able to make any changes.

- Can I resubmit my application if I fail to submit supporting documentation with my application?

Only one application will be accepted per nonprofit organization.

- Can I submit my application via regular mail or email?

No. Currently, the program is only accepting applications through Submittable [Online Portal](#).

Payment Information

- How will I receive my funds (by check or direct deposit)?

Grant funds will be disbursed by direct deposit using the bank information provided on the application. To help ensure that payments are properly distributed to Alabama's nonprofit and faith-based organizations, bank information submitted with an application will be subject to review prior to the distribution of funds. To avoid delays in the disbursement of grant funds, applicants must provide bank account information for a depository account with a valid bank routing number. If the bank information provided is for a prepaid debit card or similar payment medium, this bank information will be subject to manual review and confirmation before the funds are disbursed. (Please note, although these verification measures may slow down the disbursement of grant funds, they are necessary to ensure that your organization is the one receiving any grant funds awarded and that an application has not been submitted on your behalf without your knowledge.) If the bank information provided with the application has previously been designated as fraudulent, the grant application will be denied.

- Will these funds be issued to me as a loan or a grant?

A grant.

- Do I have to repay these funds?

No, unless it is determined the information contained within the application was false, fraudulent, or materially misleading.

- How much can I apply for?

A nonprofit or faith-based organization applicant may apply for and be awarded a grant equal to the amount of eligible expenses up to \$15,000.

- How will the amount of the grant award be determined?

Grant awards to qualifying nonprofit and faith-based organization applicants will be awarded based on the amount requested by the applicant and should not be more than incurred eligible expenses. Applicants will be required to report funds received or expected to be received from the federal CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Economic Injury Disaster Loan, or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), from insurance proceed, or any other Coronavirus Relief funding.

- Do I need to document or report how I use the funds I receive?

Yes, you should document any eligible expenses that were paid using the grant award.

- Is there a guarantee that I will receive funding if I complete an application?

No. This application does not commit the State of Alabama to make a grant award.

Account Registration

- Will I have to create an account/profile in order to complete the application?

Yes. To apply, please go through the [Online Portal](#).

Technical Troubleshooting

- Who do I need to contact if I have any technical difficulties with the application process or if I'm unable to log into my account?

For Application Customer Support, please contact:

Submittable

Monday-Friday 10-6pm (CST)

[Contact Submittable](#)