

State of Alabama

Revive Plus

COVID-19 Relief Grant Program

Overview

1.1 General Information

- Announcement Title: Revive Plus COVID-19 Relief Grant Program
- COVID-19 Relief Grant Program Website:
<https://alabama.submittable.com/submit>
- Application Deadline: December 4, 2020

1.2 Program Description

The Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the “CARES Act”) includes funds distributed to state governments to use to pay costs incurred in responding to the COVID-19 outbreak. The purpose of the Coronavirus Relief Fund appropriation is for the funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 only. No other purpose is authorized. Funds may not be utilized to replace or supplant any other funding nor to fill any revenue shortfall.

The State of Alabama Finance Department has established a separate fund in the State Treasury for federal funds and is authorized to spend from those funds within the parameters of the CARES Act and other federal and state law.

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 \$20,000 to Alabama-Based Businesses, Non-Profits, and Faith-Based Organizations that meet eligibility requirements.

1.3 Funding and Project Dates

Funding

- Through the Revive Plus COVID-19 Relief Grant Program, \$200 million of the state’s CARES Act funding is being dedicated to providing cash grants of up to \$20,000 to Alabama-Based Businesses, Non-Profits, and Faith-Based Organizations. The application process for this grant program is being administered by the Alabama Department of Finance.

- **This grant is in addition to any state of Alabama Coronavirus Relief Fund grant previously received, including the Revive Alabama Small Business, Non-Profit, Faith-Based, and Health Care Provider grants.**

Project Dates

- The application period for this grant program will open at noon on November 23, 2020 and run through noon on December 4, 2020.

1.4 Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include:

- Alabama-Based Businesses with 50 or fewer employees
- Alabama-Based Non-Profits
- Alabama-Based Faith-Based Organizations

To be considered for funding through the Revive Plus COVID-19 Relief Grant Program, entities must submit a new application through the COVID-19 Relief Grant Program website.

<https://alabama.submittable.com/submit>

Ineligible Applicants include:

- Entities seeking support for services outside of Alabama
- Entities without a valid Taxpayer Identification Number
- Any hospitals or nursing homes in Alabama
- Individuals (Unless you file with the IRS as a Sole Proprietor or LLC Filing as a Sole Proprietor)

1.5 Additional Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the above applicant eligibility, entities must verify that it:

- Was in business and fully operational as of March 1, 2020 and continues to be operational as of the date of the application.
- Located and registered to operate in the state of Alabama.
- Has incurred eligible expenses due to the interruption of business, up to the grant amount requested.
- Has employment of the equivalent of 50 or fewer employees.

- Has not received a federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan, Economic Injury Disaster Loan, or Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA); OR, if received or expected to be received, incurred eligible business interruption expenses up to the amount requested that were not covered with these funds.

1.6 Eligible Uses

Under federal law, eligible uses must meet three conditions:

1. Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19.
2. Not budgeted as of March 27, 2020 when the CARES Act was enacted.
3. Incurred on or after March 1, 2020, up to December 30, 2020.

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](#).

A qualifying entity 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.

1.7 Grant Certification and Assurance From

Each grant recipient must complete a Certification and Assurance Form with the State of Alabama in order to be eligible to receive funding from the grant program. The certification will address the conditions of the award. Once the certification is signed, the awardee is expected to read and comply with all conditions of the certification.

An award through this program will only support services performed and expenditures made on or after **March 1, 2020**.

1.8 Questions and Answers

All questions regarding this grant program should be submitted to:

Coronavirus Relief Funds Office
submissions@finance.alabama.gov

Please include “Revive Plus” in the subject line of the email.

Review and Selection Process

2.1 Review Process

Funding will be allocated through a selection process based on identified criteria, with review by the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Office. The audit team will evaluate all eligible and complete applications received.

The award decisions of the CRF Office are final and not subject to appeal. Additionally:

- The State of Alabama reserves the right to withhold the distribution of funds in cases where proposals submitted do not meet the necessary criteria.
- The State of Alabama does not obligate the CRF Office to award a grant or complete the project, and the State of Alabama reserves the right to cancel this program if it is considered to be in its best interest.
- The CRF Office reserves the right to waive minor irregularities or request additional information to further clarify or validate information submitted in the application, provided the application, as submitted, substantially complies with the requirements of this program. There is, however, no guarantee the CRF Office will look for information or clarification outside of the submitted written application. Therefore, **it is important that all applicants ensure that all sections of their application are complete to avoid the possibility of failing an evaluation phase for lack of information.**

2.2 Selection Criteria

The audit team will be reviewing each application on whether the applicant:

- Meets all eligibility requirements
- Provide services to those in Alabama
- Based and located in Alabama

Application and Submission Instructions

3.1 Application Dates

Applications will be made available to begin applying on November 23, 2020 at noon and will close on December 4, 2020 at noon. There will be no exceptions to apply before or after the application dates.

3.2 Application Submission Instructions

Applications must be submitted electronically at

<https://alabama.submittable.com/submit>

Applicants will submit their application through the online application portal and must complete the following sections in order for the application to be considered complete:

- Entity Legal Name
- Physical Location Information
- Payment Information
- Contact Information
- Entity Information
- Risk Assessment
- Required Documentation

Applications must include all required material, including attachments. Do not provide any material that is not requested in the application, as such material will not be considered nor evaluated. **The CRF Office reserves the right to reject any application that does not meet these requirements.**