

COVID Relief Grants for Emergency Services Providers

The State of Alabama will offer grants to emergency services providers that meet eligibility requirements. Total approved disbursements will be awarded to eligible applicants. The Alabama Emergency Services Provider Grants are to support providers that have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The application process for this grant program is being administered by the Alabama Department of Finance.

The application period for the Alabama Emergency Services Provider Grant Program will be open from noon April 27 through noon May 13, 2022.

Eligible applicants for this grant program are volunteer rescue squads, E-911 Boards, and emergency services providers which are not an agency or department of a city, county, state, or federal government.

COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program Website: <https://alabama.submittable.com/submit>

For questions, please contact the Coronavirus Recovery Funds Office at (334) 353-2749 or submissions@finance.alabama.gov. Please include "Emergency Services Provider Grant Program" in the subject line of the email.

Frequently Asked Questions

General

- **What is the Alabama Emergency Services Provider Grant Program?**

This program is an initiative of Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Legislature to provide support to Alabama-Based Emergency Services Providers that have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. U.S. Treasury guidance allows the State to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars for qualified expenditures. Therefore, the State of Alabama will offer cash grants in a predetermined amount for organizations that meet eligibility requirements. More information about the grant application process and eligibility requirements is included in the responses to "Frequently Asked Questions" below and on the Alabama Coronavirus Relief Fund website at <https://frf.alabama.gov/>.

- **Where did the funding come from?**

The Alabama Legislature appropriated \$136,796,346 from Alabama's ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Revenue Replacement Fund. \$10 million of these funds will be distributed to Alabama's Emergency Services Providers.

- **Is there any cost to me associated with the grant?**

No.

- **What is the timeline of the application?**

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 – Friday, May 13, 2022

Starting at noon on April 27, 2022, eligible emergency services providers may submit an application through the Department of Finance's Submittable [Online Portal](#). The application period closes at noon on Friday, May 13, 2022.

- **What is the deadline to complete the application?**

On May 13, 2022 at noon.

- **How many providers will receive the funds?**

Grants will be awarded to eligible Emergency Services Providers across the State of Alabama.

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

This grant award is to be utilized to support the provision of emergency public safety services. The Funds may not be used for the following:

- *To offset a reduction in net tax revenue;*
- *For deposit into pension funds;*
- *For debt service or replenishing financial reserves;*
- *For satisfaction of settlements or judgments; or,*
- *Any project or use that conflicts or contravenes the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act*

For further context of permissible use of the grant award, please review Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Guidance and Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds 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

- **Who is eligible to apply?**

Emergency Services Providers such as E-911 Boards, Volunteer Rescue Squads and licensed Ambulance Services.

The following are not eligible to apply:

- *EMS providers that are affiliated with city, county, state or federal government*
- *Volunteer EMS providers which received ARPA funds via the Volunteer Fire Department Grant Program*
- *Out of State EMS providers*

- **Can I apply more than once for the same Emergency Services Provider?**

No.

Application Process

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

You will need contact information for the Emergency Services Provider, including the entities' EIN, copy of an updated W-9, a copy of a voided check or bank memo, 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 a single online session?**

You may save your application and come back to it later (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 per emergency services provider will be accepted. If you omit information, you may be contacted as the application is processed and allowed to submit supporting documentation as required for the program.

- **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, 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 or if it is determined that the funds were utilized for an impermissible use.

- **How much can I apply for?**

An Emergency Services Provider applicant may apply for and be awarded a grant of \$10,320.

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

Yes, you should document the use of the grant award and retain that information for the purpose of possible future federal, state, or other audits.

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