

Coronavirus Relief Fund (Summary of Guidance)

To be eligible for CRF disbursement, the state needs to show the costs:

- I. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency;
 - Direct expenditures
 - Second-order effects such as economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to business closures
 - Treasury broadly interprets “necessary” as “reasonably necessary . . . in the reasonable judgement of the government officials responsible for spending Fund payments.”
- II. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and
 - A cost meets this requirement if either (a) the cost cannot lawfully be funded using a line item, allotment, or allocation within that budget or (b) the cost is for a substantially different use from any expected use of funds in such a line item, allotment, or allocation.
- III. Were incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.

Eligible Expenditures include, but are not limited to:

- Medical Expenses
- Public Health Expenses, including expenses for quarantining individuals.
- Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the public health emergency.
- Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with public health measures, such as:
 - Expenses to facilitate distance learning, in connection with school closings;
 - Expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees to enable compliance with public health precautions;
 - Expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with public health precautions
 - COVID-19 related expenses of maintaining state prisons and county jails
 - Expenses for care for homeless populations
- Expenses associated with the provision of economic support
 - Expenses related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures
 - Expenditures related to a payroll support program
 - Unemployment insurance costs if such costs will not be reimbursed by the federal government

List of explicitly excluded expenditures:

- Shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute.
- Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program, including expenses for the state share of Medicaid.
- Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the public health emergency.
- Damages covered by insurance and legal settlements.
- Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services.
- Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime.