

Christian County
CARES Act Small Business Relief Program
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
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The information contained here is intended to supplement the information and directions found on pages 1 & 2 of the Small Business Relief Program application package.

Q. My business was considered “essential” and was not forced to close during the “Stay at Home Order”. Am I eligible for rent/mortgage and utility assistance?

Assistance for rent/mortgage and utilities is only available to businesses which were forced to completely or partially shut down and did not receive PPP assistance. This does not, however affect all businesses ability to receive reimbursement for other eligible expenditures.

Q. How much assistance is available for rent/mortgage and utilities?

The small business relief program can only reimburse payments made for a business’ rent or mortgage or utilities which fall within the March 26 – June 15 time period (3 months) during which the government “Stay at Home Order” was in effect. Assistance for this purpose is available to businesses who have not already received PPP assistance.

Q. What types of expenditures are considered eligible for reimbursement?

In addition to assistance with rent and utilities, the program also provides reimbursement for expenditures which fall into the following categories:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) This includes items such as face masks or face shields, latex/nitrile gloves, hand sanitizer or signage/stickers which encourage customers to socially distance.

Sanitizing Supplies This includes items such as disinfecting wipes, liquid disinfecting agents, paper towels and other similar supplies used to sanitize the workplace.

Sanitizing Equipment Items such as sprayer/ionizers used to apply disinfecting agents or other equipment specifically intended to sanitize the workplace.

Social Distancing Modifications This includes the costs associated with physical modifications such as installation of sneeze guard type barriers, increased spacing between employee work stations or similar projects undertaken to comply with social distancing guidelines in order to conduct business.

Please note: All expenditures claimed for reimbursement must be supported by copies of paid receipts or invoices and must have occurred after March 1, 2020. Future purchases should not be included. All

expenditures claimed must be due to the COVID-19 emergency and fall outside what would be a normal expenditure common to your business.

Q. If my request for reimbursement includes items which are not eligible or are not supported by a receipt will my entire application be rejected?

No, as these applications are reviewed, the Committee may identify certain items which cannot be reimbursed under the guidelines of this program. In these cases, the Committee will identify and deduct those items from the overall request and move forward to reimburse the remaining eligible expenditures.

Q. What types of items are considered to be “utilities” eligible for reimbursement?

For the purposes of this program, electric, gas, water and sewer during the March 26 – June 15 time period (3 months) are considered utility expenses. Expenses for trash pickup, phone/internet or television service are not reimbursable.