



Nonprofit Reimbursing Relief Grants

Overview

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is providing up to \$25 million in [Nonprofit Reimbursing Relief Grants](#) to organizations that serve low-income and at-risk Ohioans and that have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of the grants is to assist organizations that are devoted to helping Ohioans and that have accumulated unemployment debt as a result of the pandemic. Any grants awarded may be applied to remaining unemployment charge balances. They also can be applied toward operational expenses. The program is made possible by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Eligible Businesses

ODJFS will distribute awards proportionally based on the criteria below. Organizations that have received federal Paycheck Protection Program loans may be eligible for the grants, if they have not used the loans to pay 100% of the cost of unemployment benefits for laid-off employees. To be eligible, organizations must:

- Be 501(c)(3) agencies
- Provide direct services to low-income or at-risk Ohioans in industries outside health care, education, recreation and/or cultural activities
- Have reduced or stopped services due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Be reimbursing employers as defined by Ohio unemployment law
- Have not already received or established their eligibility to receive additional Coronavirus Relief Fund assistance from the state or other federal CARES Act grants and used that funding to pay 100% of the cost of unemployment benefits
- Disclose the amounts and use of any Coronavirus Relief Fund assistance received from local governments and any Paycheck Protection Program loans received
- Submit a completed grant application by December 5, 2020

Use of Funds

The purpose of these grants is to provide this assistance to organizations that have accumulated unemployment debt as a result of the pandemic and are devoted to helping Ohioans during difficult times. Any grants awarded may be applied to remaining unemployment charge balances and/or can serve as a refund of such charges incurred due to COVID-19. If taken as a refund, the grants may be applied toward operational expenses.

The following uses are prohibited:

- Damages covered by insurance
- Payroll or benefit expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed by any other federal program
- Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services
- Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime
- Severance pay
- Legal settlements

Application Process

To apply, please complete the online form by clicking the Nonprofit Relief Grant Application button at JFS.Ohio.gov/NonprofitGrants.

Interested applicants must submit a complete electronic application with all the required information by 5 p.m. on December 5, 2020. Grantees will be notified of their approval or denial by December 11, 2020. Grant awards will be distributed by ODJFS by December 21, 2020.

Be prepared to disclose any other types of CARES Act assistance that you may have received, including any Payment Protection Program or Economic Injury Disaster Loans. The application provides an opportunity to explain the types and quantity of services provided and the impact that staff reductions have had on those services.



Grant Awards

Grant awards will be based on the number of approved applicants and the total amount of agency unemployment charges incurred by each approved applicant. The following formula will be used: $(\$25 \text{ million} \div \text{total unemployment charges incurred by each approved applicant after the crediting of any federal reimbursement for unemployment charges}) \times \text{each approved applicant's total charges less credits}$. Unemployment charges will be calculated based on the period between March 15, 2020, and the most recent data available as determined by ODJFS.



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