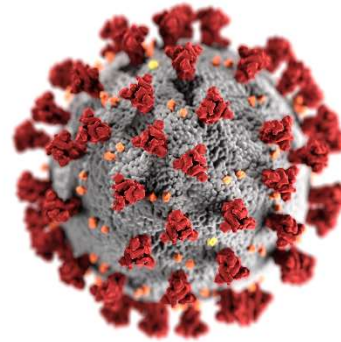# COVID-19 Grant Opportunities and Other Updates

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Learning Objectives

1. Experience "Virtual" Meetings
2. CARES Act
3. Routes to Recovery Grant
4. Wisconsin Elections Commission Grant
5. DHS Direct Provider Grant
6. FEMA Public Assistance

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Virtual Meetings

1. Toll Free Phone Call or Zoom Video

2. Please Mute your Phone/Computer

3. Unmute when you want to ask a question, make a motion, etc.

4. Plan B
   o Moderator will mute everyone and open the microphone by unmuting everyone for Q&A at end of presentation

5. Plan C
   o Moderator will mute everyone and only allow for chat Q&A

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Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security Act (CARES)

- $150 billion for state, local, and tribal government

- $2.3 billion for Wisconsin

- Communities over 500,000 received direct allocation
  - Dane - $93.4 million
  - Milwaukee County - $164.5 million allocation (but appropriation reduced to $62 million due to federal rule making)
  - City of Milwaukee - $102.7 million

- Approximately $2.0 billion remaining

- Governor Evers responsible for distribution

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Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security Act (CARES)

- **Treasury Guidance** (available on WTA COVID-19 page)

  Links on WTA COVID-19 Page

  o **Home page**
    - ✓ https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/state-and-local-governments

  o **Guidance Overview**
    - ✓ https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Guidance-for-State-Territorial-Local-and-Tribal-Governments.pdf

  o **FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)**
    - ✓ https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf

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Coronavirus Aid, Relief, & Economic Security Act (CARES)

- Takeaways
  1. Government expenditure

  2. Necessary due to COVID-19

  3. Not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of 3/27/20

  4. Incurred between 3/1/20 and 12/30/20

Routes to Recovery Grants

ROUTES TO RECOVERY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AID GRANTS
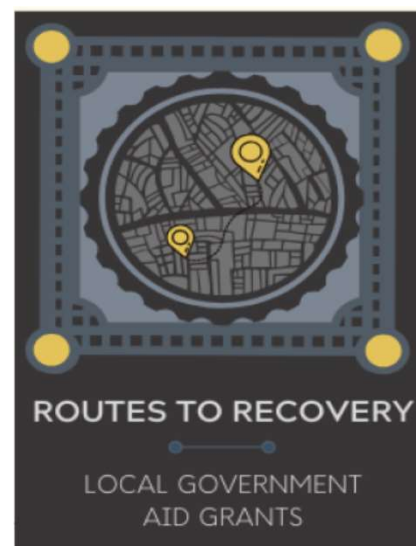
- $10 million for tribal government
- $190 million for local government
  - Originally a competitive grant, but…
  - …based on population and unit complexity
- Allocations:
  - https://doa.wi.gov/Secretary/RRG-LocalGov.pdf

Local Government Type	Name	County	Estimated Population	Routes to Recovery Grant Allocation
City	Adams	Adams	1,920	$ 31,214
Town	Adams	Adams	1,365	$ 22,192
Town	Adams	Green	536	$ 8,714
Town	Adams	Jackson	1,388	$ 22,565
Town	Addison	Washington	3,487	$ 56,690
Village	Adell	Sheboygan	510	$ 8,291

Routes to Recovery Grants

- It's a pass through grant from feds so…

1. Government expenditure
2. Necessary due to COVID-19
3. Not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of 3/27/20
4. Incurred between 3/1/20 and **11/6/20**
   - ✓ **DOA has confirmed that pre-pay is OK but installation must occur by 12/30/20.**

ROUTES TO RECOVERY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AID GRANTS

https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/LocalGovtsGrants/COVID-Grants.aspx

Link on WTA COVID-19 Page

Routes to Recovery: Local Government Aid Grants

ROUTES TO RECOVERY
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID GRANTS

Wisconsin's local governments are on the front-lines of supporting their communities through the COVID-19 health crisis and into economic recovery. The "Routes to Recovery: Local Government Aid Grants" are aimed at helping our local government partners address some of their most urgent and unique COVID-19 recovery needs. Administered by the Department of Administration (DOA), Routes to Recovery Grants will be allocated to every Wisconsin county, city, village, town, and federally recognized tribe.

The effort is funded by $200 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars.

For more information regarding the Routes to Recovery Grants, including the allocation amounts for counties and local units of government, please visit the links below.

Expense Reporter App

Expense Reimbursement Reporter

Expense Reporter Instructions

Program Guidance — Detailed Guidance

Terms and Conditions — Terms…

Tribal Program Guidance

Infographic

County Allocations

Local Gov Allocations — Your $ Amount

Operational Information — Basic Fact Sheet Overview

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R2R Basic Fact Sheet Overview

- Takeaways: Eligible Expenditure Categories
    - o Emergency operation activities, including those related to public health, emergency services, and public safety response

    - o Purchases of personal protective equipment

    - o Cleaning/sanitizing supplies and services, including those related to elections administration

    - o Purchase of services or equipment to facilitate telework by employees

    - o Meeting local match requirements for FEMA grant

R2R Basic Fact Sheet Overview

- Takeaways: Eligible Expenditure Categories

    o   Increased worker compensation costs

    o   FMLA and sick leave for public health and safety employees to take COVID-19 precautions

    o   Testing and contact tracing costs above those covered by existing State programs

    o   Temporary isolation housing for infected or at-risk individuals

R2R Program Guidance Overview

- Takeaways:
  - Reimbursement Program
    - ✓ July 1 – 15; Sept. 1 – 15; Nov. 7 – 18)

  - Can apply for funds spent from 3/1 to 11/6 during any of the reimbursement periods
    - ✓ Pre-pay is option so long as installed by 12/30

  - Reimbursement requests made through Expense Reporter
    - ✓ Online tool
    - ✓ Log in verification code sent to clerk's email on file with DOA
    - ✓ Must agree to terms and conditions
    - ✓ Must verify you have legal authority to complete the reimbursement request
      - ▪ Towns should take official action to identify who has the official authority

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R2R Program Guidance Overview

- Takeaways:
  - DOA may reject a reimbursement request, but they will be giving a lot deference to local government

  - Justification, receipts, etc. must be kept for five years

  - Federal government could choose to audit your town

  - Program Guidance provides a series of FAQs that answer many questions about what is eligible for reimbursement…
    - ✓ …but there is no list per se; instead remember the 4 questions

R2R Program Guidance Overview

- Takeaways:
    o WTA can help you consider the 4 questions as they apply to a potential purchase and communicate with DOA when necessary

    o You can also check with DOA directly by emailing: covidgovgrant@wisconsin.gov

    o Get up to date information by subscribing to DOA listserve: subscribe-covidgovgrant@lists.wi.gov

WEC CARES Subgrant

- "…to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus domestically or internationally, for the 2020 Federal election cycle."

- Only costs for August and November elections through November 30, 2020, but R2R can be used for certain April expenses (not printing, postage, etc. but PPE, public health and safety personnel, etc.)

- $200 base amount plus $1.10 per voter

WEC CARES Subgrant

1. Additional ballot supplies, printing, postage
2. Additional cleaning supplies, cleaning services, and protective equipment
3. Additional staffing (election related)
4. Additional mailings for public communication
5. Additional absentee drop boxes
6. Additional space leasing for polling places
7. Acquisition of additional equipment

WEC CARES Subgrant

- Deadline to sign agreement- 9/1/20
  - Payment will follow

- Required mid-grant reporting – 9/15/20

- Reporting Period Ends – 11/30/20

- Final Report Due – 12/1/20

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DHS Direct Grants to Providers

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- $1,240 for EMS unit

- Deadline for request has passed

- If money left over from first round, a second round of distribution will follow.

FEMA Public Assistance Grants

www.fema.gov/coronavirus

Link on WTA COVID-19 Page

FEMA Public Assistance Grants

- **Cost Share**
  - 75% Federal, 12.5% State, 12.5% Local
  - Can use R2R $ for local cost share

- **Example Eligible Costs**
  - Emergency Operations Center
  - Training Costs
  - Disinfection of public facilities
  - Technical assistance on emergency management and control of immediate threats to public safety
  - PPE
  - Security and law enforcement costs related to pandemic
  - General public communication costs related to pandemic
  - Overtime costs related to the pandemic

FEMA Public Assistance Grants

- Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs Division of Emergency Management (Wisconsin Emergency Management - WEM) can assist in learning and application process

- WEM Webinar Available
    - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kd0naiEQVBU&feature=youtu.be

- Email WEM with questions
    - dmawempublicassistance@wisconsin.gov

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Questions?

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