

GRANT AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

PINELLAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

AND

THE GATHERING OF WOMEN, INC.

THIS GRANT AGREEMENT (hereinafter “**Agreement**”), effective upon the last date executed below, by and between **PINELLAS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**, a public charitable foundation established by Trust Agreement Dated January 1, 1969, as may have been amended from time to time, whose address is 17755 US Highway 19 North, Suite 150, Clearwater Florida 33764, (hereinafter, “**AGENCY**”) and **THE GATHERING OF WOMEN, INC.**, whose address is 600 31st Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712 (hereinafter “**GRANTEE**”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, in response to the emergence of a novel coronavirus and the respiratory disease it causes (hereinafter, “**COVID-19**”), the World Health Organization (hereinafter, “**WHO**”) has officially characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic that constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-51, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Florida are necessary, and accordingly the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared that a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52 declaring a State of Emergency for the state of Florida in furtherance of efforts to respond to and mitigate the effects of COVID-19 throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter, “**Board**”) passed Resolution 20-60 to define, expand, and add critical programs and services to mitigate the devastating impacts of COVID-19 on Pinellas County residents; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit community partners have seen an increased demand for many services and assistance in response to impacts from COVID-19, particularly in the areas of food programs, homelessness, behavioral health, and legal assistance for evictions; and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, many individuals and families find themselves in precarious financial situations within Pinellas County, without expanded access to critical services leading to food insecurity, housing insecurity, and behavioral health challenges; and

WHEREAS, the threat to these vulnerable individuals and families constitutes a significant threat to public safety and welfare requiring rapid expansion of vital services to meet local needs; and

WHEREAS, **AGENCY** is a subrecipient of pass-thru funds awarded by the U.S. Treasury Department (hereinafter, “Treasury”) to Pinellas County (hereinafter, “County”) made available under section 601(a) of the Social Security Act as added by section 5001 of the CARES Act (hereinafter, “Coronavirus Relief Fund”); and

WHEREAS, the County in partnership with **AGENCY** wishes to quickly expand services in priority areas that mitigate COVID-19 related impacts within the community such as food insecurity, housing insecurity, and access to behavioral health service through the Pinellas CARES Critical Service Expansion Program; and

WHEREAS, AGENCY has determined that **GRANTEE** has the experience and capacity to quickly administer and deliver awarded funds to assist in the goal of expanding services in one or more of the priority areas that mitigate COVID-19 related impacts within the community;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto, mutually agree as follows:

1. Specific Grant Information:

This project shall be undertaken and accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions specified herein and the Appendices named below, which are attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein:

a) Grantee's Name: **The Gathering of Women, Inc.**

b) Grantee's Contact and Notice Information:

Primary Contact Name: **Samantha Richardson-Hardy**

Address: **600 31st Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712**

Phone Number: **727-433-1352**

Grantee's Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number: **958928140**

c) Federal Award Identification Number: **Direct payment from the Department of the Treasury ('Treasury') pursuant to section 601(b) of the Social Security Act, as amended by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, div. A, Title V (Mar. 27, 2020).**

d) Federal Award Date: **March 27, 2020**

e) Period of Grant Performance, Start and End Date: **September 3, 2020 – December 30, 2020**

g) Amount of Funds Awarded: **\$63,958.00** (hereinafter, "Awarded Funds").

h) Name of Federal Awarding Agency, Pass-Through Entity, and Contact Information for Awarding Official of the Pass-Through Entity:

Federal Awarding Agency:

United States Department of Treasury

Pass-Through Entity:

Pinellas Community Foundation

Contact Information for Awarding Official of the Pass-Through Entity:

Duggan Cooley, CEO, Pinellas Community Foundation

17755 US Highway 19 N, Suite 150

Clearwater, FL 33764

i) CFDA Number and Name

CFDA Number (at time of disbursement): **21.019**

CFDA Name: **Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)**

j) Indirect Cost Rate for GRANTEE portion of the Federal Award: **None**

2. Scope of Services:

The **GRANTEE** shall administer the Pinellas CARES Critical Service expansion Program funds awarded from the **AGENCY** consistent with the purpose identified in the **GRANTEE's** application for award of funds (attached as Appendix 4) and which are consistent with the purpose of mitigating COVID-19 related impacts within the community, including food insecurity, housing insecurity and or behavioral health access for COVID-19 affected residents.

- a) **GRANTEE** shall administer funding in an amount up to **sixty-three thousand, nine hundred fifty-eight dollars** for expanded local services with up to 10% or \$6,300 allowed for indirect costs.
- b) **GRANTEE** agrees to monitor and deliver these funds pursuant to the following requirements:
 - i. Compliance with all rules and guidelines of the CARES Act including certifications and/or attestations of compliance where appropriate.
 - ii. Compliance with Appendix 1 - CARES Act Guidance and Requirements.
 - iii. Compliance with Appendix 2 – Attestation.
 - iv. Basic weekly reporting of service numbers by type of service and expanded monthly reporting of services, trends, expenditures, and other programmatic information.
 - v. Maintenance of service level information as appropriate for reporting upon request by the **AGENCY**, including services provided, outcomes and accounting of expenditures.
 - vi. **GRANTEE** understands and agrees that it may be required to adapt and/or respond during hurricane-related emergencies to help meet expanded needs and challenges of COVID-19.
 - vii. **GRANTEE** understands that priority service areas may be adjusted by written notice of the **AGENCY**.

3. Term of Agreement.

The services of the **GRANTEE** shall commence upon execution and the agreement shall expire on December 30, 2020. The expiration date of this Agreement may be extended, by mutual

agreement of the parties in writing. This option shall be exercised only if all terms and conditions remain the same.

4. Compensation.

a) The **AGENCY** agrees to provide **GRANTEE** an amount not to exceed sixty-three thousand nine hundred fifty-eight and no/100 Cents (\$ 63,958) as an award of the Pinellas CARES Nonprofit Partnership Fund for the services described in Section 2 of this Agreement. Up to six thousand three hundred dollars (\$ 6,300.00) equivalent to 10% of the funding may be allowed for approved indirect costs in association with this program. The remainder of the funding will be for competitively awarded expansion of services as defined.

b) **GRANTEE** shall maintain a Budget Plan (Appendix 4) for anticipated indirect and direct costs, as approved by **AGENCY**. Any changes that increase costs must be in writing and in an amendment to this Agreement.

c) The **AGENCY** shall determine which expenses in the Budget Plan (Appendix 4) may be paid as an advance to the **GRANTEE**, if any, and which expenses will be paid on a cost-reimbursement basis, with the **AGENCY** to submit invoices with supporting documentation to justify the reimbursement of expenses. If any amount is paid as an advance payment to **GRANTEE**, the **GRANTEE** must provide sufficient documentation of usage of the funds for allowed purposes under this agreement in order to receive any future payments.

d) Any funds expended in violation of this Agreement or in violation of appropriate Federal, State, and **AGENCY** requirements shall be refunded in full to the **AGENCY**. If this Agreement is still in force, future payments shall be withheld by the **AGENCY**.

5. Performance Measures.

The **GRANTEE** agrees to submit weekly reports on awards to **AGENCY** including name of **GRANTEE**, purpose of award, amount of award, and service numbers, as well as monthly expanded reports that demonstrate services delivered and service trends, and outcomes to **AGENCY**. The **AGENCY** reserves the right to request additional data elements, performance measures, or reports as necessary to ensure that the overall programmatic purpose is demonstrated, quantified, and achieved. This report shall be submitted to the **AGENCY** weekly or monthly, as defined and never later than five (5) business days if specifically requested by **AGENCY**. The report formats shall be prescribed and provided by the **AGENCY**.

6. Data Sharing.

The **GRANTEE** agrees to share data with the **AGENCY** as necessary for service validation, trend review, and performance monitoring.

7. Insurance.

GRANTEE will be required to maintain appropriate insurance to cover the Services funded for this Agreement. Before providing any funds under this Agreement, **AGENCY** will require that **GRANTEE** provide it with proof of insurance covering the Services funded and with policy limits and deductible deemed appropriate by **AGENCY**. Whether **GRANTEE** has acceptable insurance coverage with appropriate limits and deductible is within the sole discretion of the **AGENCY**. Said insurance must remain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement and may be not changed without written approval of **AGENCY**. Failure to maintain the insurance approved by **AGENCY** or any changes to the approved insurance without approval of **AGENCY** will result in termination of this Agreement.

8. Monitoring.

GRANTEE will work with **AGENCY** to meet the requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.328 (Monitoring and reporting program performance). This may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- a) The monitoring requirements set forth in Appendix 3 – Minimum Monitoring Requirements.
- b) **GRANTEE** will work with the **AGENCY** to establish policies and procedures as required.
- c) **GRANTEE** will cooperate in site visits including, but not limited to, review of staff, fiscal and client records, programmatic documents, and will provide related information at any reasonable time.
- d) **GRANTEE** will submit other reports and information in such formats and at such times as may be prescribed by the **AGENCY**.
- e) All monitoring reports will be as detailed as may be reasonably requested by the **GRANTEE** and will be deemed incomplete if not satisfactory to the **AGENCY** as determined in its sole reasonable discretion. Reports will contain the information or be in the format as may be requested by the **AGENCY**.

9. Special Situations.

GRANTEE agrees to inform **AGENCY** within one (1) business day of any circumstances or events which may reasonably be considered to jeopardize its capability to continue to meet its obligations under the terms of this Agreement. Incidents may include, but are not limited to, those resulting in injury, media coverage or public reaction that may have an impact on the **AGENCY'S** or **GRANTEE'S** ability to protect and serve its participants, or other significant effect on the

AGENCY or **GRANTEE**. Incidents shall be reported to the designated **AGENCY** contact below by phone or email only. Incident report information shall not include any identifying information of the participant.

10. Amendment/Modification.

In addition to applicable federal, state and local statutes and regulations, this Agreement expresses the entire understanding of the parties concerning all matters covered herein. No addition to, or alteration of, the terms of this Agreement, whether by written or verbal understanding of the parties, their officers, agents or employees, shall be valid unless made in the form of a written amendment to this Agreement and formally approved by the parties.

11. Closeout

a) Upon termination in whole or in part, the parties hereto remain responsible for compliance with the requirements in 2 C.F.R. Part 200.343 (Closeout) and 2 C.F.R. Part 200.344 (Post-closeout adjustments and continuing responsibilities).

b) This Agreement will not terminate, unless terminated as provided in Section 11, until Closeout is completed consistent with requirements detailed in the Appendices attached hereto, and to the satisfaction of the **AGENCY**. Such requirements shall include but are not limited to submitting final reports and providing program deliverables and closeout information as requested by **AGENCY**, and/or the US Treasury Department or its authorized representatives, and reconciliation of program funding.

c) All invoices and requests for reimbursement shall be submitted within 30 days following the end of the project and budget period.

d) All un-spent funds must be reimbursed to the **AGENCY** by the **GRANTEE** by January 31, 2021.

- e) This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

12. Termination.

a) If the **GRANTEE** fails to fulfill or abide by any of the provisions of this Agreement, **GRANTEE** shall be considered in material breach of the Agreement. Where a material breach can be corrected, **GRANTEE** shall be given thirty (30) days to cure said breach. If **GRANTEE** fails to cure, or if the breach is of the nature that the harm caused cannot be undone, **AGENCY** may immediately terminate this Agreement, with cause, upon notice in writing to the **GRANTEE**.

b) In the event the **GRANTEE** uses any funds provided by this Agreement for any purpose or program other than authorized under this Agreement, the **GRANTEE** must repay such amount to the **AGENCY** and may in the **AGENCY'S** sole discretion, be deemed to have waived the right to additional funds under this Agreement.

c) In the event sufficient budgeted funds are not available for a new fiscal period or are otherwise encumbered, the **AGENCY** shall notify the **GRANTEE** of such occurrence and the Agreement shall terminate on the last day of the then current fiscal period without penalty or expense to the **AGENCY**.

d) The **AGENCY** or the United States Department of Treasury may terminate this agreement in accordance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.339 (Termination).

13. Assignment/Subcontracting.

a) This Agreement, and any rights or obligations hereunder, shall not be assigned, transferred or delegated to any other person or entity. Any purported assignment in violation of this section shall be null and void.

b) The **GRANTEE** is fully responsible for completion of the Services required by this

Agreement and for completion of all subcontractor work, if authorized as provided herein. The **GRANTEE** shall not subcontract any work under this Agreement to any subcontractor other than the subcontractors specified in the proposal and previously approved by the **AGENCY**, without the prior written consent of the **AGENCY**, which shall be determined by the **AGENCY** in its sole discretion.

14. Indemnification.

The **GRANTEE** agrees to indemnify, pay the cost of defense, including attorney's fees, and hold harmless the **AGENCY**, its officers, employees and agents from all damages, suits, actions or claims, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the **AGENCY**, of any character brought on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person, persons, or property, or in any way relating to or arising from the Agreement; or on account of any act or omission, neglect or misconduct of **GRANTEE**; or by, or on account of, any claim or amounts recovered under the Workers' Compensation Law or of any other laws, regulations, ordinance, order or decree; or arising from or by reason of any actual or claimed trademark, patent or copyright infringement or litigation based thereon; except only such injury or damage as shall have been occasioned by the sole negligence of the **AGENCY**.

15. Business Practices.

- a) The **GRANTEE** must utilize financial procedures in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and Florida Statutes, including adequate supporting documents, to account for the use of the funds provided by the **AGENCY**.
- b) The **GRANTEE** must retain all records (programmatic, property, personnel, and financial) relating to this Agreement for five (5) years after final payment is made.

- c) All **GRANTEE** records relating to this Agreement are subject to audit by the federal government or its representatives, or the **AGENCY** and its representatives.

16. Nondiscrimination.

a) The **GRANTEE** shall not discriminate against any applicant for employment or employee with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment or against any client because of age, sex, race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation.

b) The **GRANTEE** shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of age, sex, race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, disability, marital status or sexual orientation in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services and activities.

c) The **GRANTEE** shall, during the performance of this Agreement, comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state and local laws and regulations pertaining to prohibited discrimination.

17. Independent Contractor.

It is expressly understood and agreed by the parties that **GRANTEE** is at all times hereunder acting and performing as an independent contractor and not as an agent, servant, or employee of the **AGENCY**. No agent, employee, or servant of the **GRANTEE** shall be, or shall be deemed to be, the agent or servant of the **AGENCY**. None of the benefits provided by the **AGENCY** to their employees including, but not limited to, Worker's Compensation Insurance and Unemployment Insurance are available from **AGENCY** to the employees, agents, or servants of the **GRANTEE**

18. Additional Funding.

Funds from this Agreement may not be used as the matching portion for any federal grant

except in the manner provided by Federal and State law and applicable Federal and State rules and regulations. The **GRANTEE** agrees to make all reasonable efforts to obtain funding from additional sources wherever said **GRANTEE** may qualify. Should this Agreement reflect a required match, documentation of said match is required to be provided to the **AGENCY**.

19. Governing Law.

The laws of the State of Florida shall govern this Agreement.

20. Conformity to the Law.

The **GRANTEE** shall comply with all federal, state and local laws and ordinances and any rules or regulations adopted thereunder, including but not limited to section 601(a) of the Social Security Act as added by section 5001 of the CARES Act and regulations applicable thereto.

21. Prior Agreement, Waiver, and Severability.

This Agreement supersedes any prior Agreements between the Parties and is the sole basis for agreement between the Parties. The waiver of either party of a violation or default of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate as, or be construed to be, a waiver of any subsequent violation or default hereof. If any provision, or any portion thereof, contained in this Agreement is held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or portion thereof, shall be deemed severable, shall not be affected, and shall remain in full force and effect.

22. Agreement Management.

Pinellas Community Foundation designates the following person(s) as the liaison for the **AGENCY**:

Duggan Cooley, CEO
Pinellas Community Foundation
17755 US Highway 19 North, Suite 150
Clearwater FL 33764
727-531-0058

GRANTEE designates the following person(s) as the liaison for the **GRANTEE**:

Samantha Richardson-Hardy, President

727-433-1352

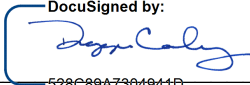
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SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed on the day and year written below.

Pinellas Community Foundation

By: 
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Duggan Cooley
CEO

Date: 9/17/2020

GRANTEE: The Gathering of Women, Inc.

By: 
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Samantha Richardson-Hardy, President
srtjazz8@aol.com

Date: 9/13/2020

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Appendix 1 - CARES Act Guidance and Requirements

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Updated June 30, 2020

Coronavirus Relief Fund
Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments
Updated June 30, 2020¹

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to recipients of the funding available under section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”). The CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (the “Fund”) and appropriated \$150 billion to the Fund. Under the CARES Act, the Fund is to be used to make payments for specified uses to States and certain local governments; the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories (consisting of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands); and Tribal governments.

The CARES Act provides that payments from the Fund may only be used to cover costs that—

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government; and
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.²

The guidance that follows sets forth the Department of the Treasury’s interpretation of these limitations on the permissible use of Fund payments.

Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency

The requirement that expenditures be incurred “due to” the public health emergency means that expenditures must be used for actions taken to respond to the public health emergency. These may include expenditures incurred to allow the State, territorial, local, or Tribal government to respond directly to the emergency, such as by addressing medical or public health needs, as well as expenditures incurred to respond to second-order effects of the emergency, such as by providing economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19-related business closures.

Funds may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute. Although a broad range of uses is allowed, revenue replacement is not a permissible use of Fund payments.

The statute also specifies that expenditures using Fund payments must be “necessary.” The Department of the Treasury understands this term broadly to mean that the expenditure is reasonably necessary for its intended use in the reasonable judgment of the government officials responsible for spending Fund payments.

Costs not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020

The CARES Act also requires that payments be used only to cover costs that were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020. A cost meets this requirement if either (a) the

¹ This version updates the guidance provided under “Costs incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020”.

² See Section 601(d) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the CARES Act.

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.

The “most recently approved” budget refers to the enacted budget for the relevant fiscal period for the particular government, without taking into account subsequent supplemental appropriations enacted or other budgetary adjustments made by that government in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. A cost is not considered to have been accounted for in a budget merely because it could be met using a budgetary stabilization fund, rainy day fund, or similar reserve account.

Costs incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020

Finally, the CARES Act provides that payments from the Fund may only be used to cover costs that were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020 (the “covered period”). Putting this requirement together with the other provisions discussed above, section 601(d) may be summarized as providing that a State, local, or tribal government may use payments from the Fund only to cover previously unbudgeted costs of necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency during the covered period.

Initial guidance released on April 22, 2020, provided that the cost of an expenditure is incurred when the recipient has expended funds to cover the cost. Upon further consideration and informed by an understanding of State, local, and tribal government practices, Treasury is clarifying that for a cost to be considered to have been incurred, performance or delivery must occur during the covered period but payment of funds need not be made during that time (though it is generally expected that this will take place within 90 days of a cost being incurred). For instance, in the case of a lease of equipment or other property, irrespective of when payment occurs, the cost of a lease payment shall be considered to have been incurred for the period of the lease that is within the covered period, but not otherwise. Furthermore, in all cases it must be necessary that performance or delivery take place during the covered period. Thus the cost of a good or service received during the covered period will not be considered eligible under section 601(d) if there is no need for receipt until after the covered period has expired.

Goods delivered in the covered period need not be used during the covered period in all cases. For example, the cost of a good that must be delivered in December in order to be available for use in January could be covered using payments from the Fund. Additionally, the cost of goods purchased in bulk and delivered during the covered period may be covered using payments from the Fund if a portion of the goods is ordered for use in the covered period, the bulk purchase is consistent with the recipient’s usual procurement policies and practices, and it is impractical to track and record when the items were used. A recipient may use payments from the Fund to purchase a durable good that is to be used during the current period and in subsequent periods if the acquisition in the covered period was necessary due to the public health emergency.

Given that it is not always possible to estimate with precision when a good or service will be needed, the touchstone in assessing the determination of need for a good or service during the covered period will be reasonableness at the time delivery or performance was sought, *e.g.*, the time of entry into a procurement contract specifying a time for delivery. Similarly, in recognition of the likelihood of supply chain disruptions and increased demand for certain goods and services during the COVID-19 public health emergency, if a recipient enters into a contract requiring the delivery of goods or performance of services by December 30, 2020, the failure of a vendor to complete delivery or services by December 30, 2020, will not affect the ability of the recipient to use payments from the Fund to cover the cost of such goods or services if the delay is due to circumstances beyond the recipient’s control.

This guidance applies in a like manner to costs of subrecipients. Thus, a grant or loan, for example, provided by a recipient using payments from the Fund must be used by the subrecipient only to purchase (or reimburse a purchase of) goods or services for which receipt both is needed within the covered period and occurs within the covered period. The direct recipient of payments from the Fund is ultimately responsible for compliance with this limitation on use of payments from the Fund.

Nonexclusive examples of eligible expenditures

Eligible expenditures include, but are not limited to, payment for:

1. Medical expenses such as:
 - COVID-19-related expenses of public hospitals, clinics, and similar facilities.
 - Expenses of establishing temporary public medical facilities and other measures to increase COVID-19 treatment capacity, including related construction costs.
 - Costs of providing COVID-19 testing, including serological testing.
 - Emergency medical response expenses, including emergency medical transportation, related to COVID-19.
 - Expenses for establishing and operating public telemedicine capabilities for COVID-19-related treatment.
2. Public health expenses such as:
 - Expenses for communication and enforcement by State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments of public health orders related to COVID-19.
 - Expenses for acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment, for medical personnel, police officers, social workers, child protection services, and child welfare officers, direct service providers for older adults and individuals with disabilities in community settings, and other public health or safety workers in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.
 - Expenses for disinfection of public areas and other facilities, *e.g.*, nursing homes, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
 - Expenses for technical assistance to local authorities or other entities on mitigation of COVID-19-related threats to public health and safety.
 - Expenses for public safety measures undertaken in response to COVID-19.
 - Expenses for quarantining individuals.
3. 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 COVID-19 public health emergency.
4. Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures, such as:
 - Expenses for food delivery to residents, including, for example, senior citizens and other vulnerable populations, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
 - Expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closings to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions.
 - Expenses to improve telework capabilities for public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.

- Expenses of providing paid sick and paid family and medical leave to public employees to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
 - COVID-19-related expenses of maintaining state prisons and county jails, including as relates to sanitation and improvement of social distancing measures, to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
 - Expenses for care for homeless populations provided to mitigate COVID-19 effects and enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions.
5. Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency, such as:
 - Expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures.
 - Expenditures related to a State, territorial, local, or Tribal government payroll support program.
 - Unemployment insurance costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency if such costs will not be reimbursed by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act or otherwise.
 6. Any other COVID-19-related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the Fund's eligibility criteria.

Nonexclusive examples of ineligible expenditures³

The following is a list of examples of costs that would *not* be eligible expenditures of payments from the Fund.

1. Expenses for the State share of Medicaid.⁴
2. Damages covered by insurance.
3. Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
4. Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program, such as the reimbursement by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act of contributions by States to State unemployment funds.
5. Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services.
6. Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime.
7. Severance pay.
8. Legal settlements.

³ In addition, pursuant to section 5001(b) of the CARES Act, payments from the Fund may not be expended for an elective abortion or on research in which a human embryo is destroyed, discarded, or knowingly subjected to risk of injury or death. The prohibition on payment for abortions does not apply to an abortion if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest; or in the case where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed. Furthermore, no government which receives payments from the Fund may discriminate against a health care entity on the basis that the entity does not provide, pay for, provide coverage of, or refer for abortions.

⁴ See 42 C.F.R. § 433.51 and 45 C.F.R. § 75.306.

Coronavirus Relief Fund
Frequently Asked Questions
Updated as of July 8, 2020

**Coronavirus Relief Fund
Frequently Asked Questions
Updated as of July 8, 2020**

The following answers to frequently asked questions supplement Treasury’s Coronavirus Relief Fund (“Fund”) Guidance for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments, dated April 22, 2020, (“Guidance”).¹ Amounts paid from the Fund are subject to the restrictions outlined in the Guidance and set forth in section 601(d) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”).

Eligible Expenditures

Are governments required to submit proposed expenditures to Treasury for approval?

No. Governments are responsible for making determinations as to what expenditures are necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 and do not need to submit any proposed expenditures to Treasury.

The Guidance says that funding can be used to meet 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 COVID-19 public health emergency. How does a government determine whether payroll expenses for a given employee satisfy the “substantially dedicated” condition?

The Fund is designed to provide ready funding to address unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency. For this reason, and as a matter of administrative convenience in light of the emergency nature of this program, a State, territorial, local, or Tribal government may presume that payroll costs for public health and public safety employees are payments for services substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency, unless the chief executive (or equivalent) of the relevant government determines that specific circumstances indicate otherwise.

The Guidance says that a cost was not accounted for in the most recently approved budget if the cost is for a substantially different use from any expected use of funds in such a line item, allotment, or allocation. What would qualify as a “substantially different use” for purposes of the Fund eligibility?

Costs incurred for a “substantially different use” include, but are not necessarily limited to, costs of personnel and services that were budgeted for in the most recently approved budget but which, due entirely to the COVID-19 public health emergency, have been diverted to substantially different functions. This would include, for example, the costs of redeploying corrections facility staff to enable compliance with COVID-19 public health precautions through work such as enhanced sanitation or enforcing social distancing measures; the costs of redeploying police to support management and enforcement of stay-at-home orders; or the costs of diverting educational support staff or faculty to develop online learning capabilities, such as through providing information technology support that is not part of the staff or faculty’s ordinary responsibilities.

Note that a public function does not become a “substantially different use” merely because it is provided from a different location or through a different manner. For example, although developing online instruction capabilities may be a substantially different use of funds, online instruction itself is not a substantially different use of public funds than classroom instruction.

¹ The Guidance is available at <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Guidance-for-State-Territorial-Local-and-Tribal-Governments.pdf>.

May a State receiving a payment transfer funds to a local government?

Yes, provided that the transfer qualifies as a necessary expenditure incurred due to the public health emergency and meets the other criteria of section 601(d) of the Social Security Act. Such funds would be subject to recoupment by the Treasury Department if they have not been used in a manner consistent with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act.

May a unit of local government receiving a Fund payment transfer funds to another unit of government?

Yes. For example, a county may transfer funds to a city, town, or school district within the county and a county or city may transfer funds to its State, provided that the transfer qualifies as a necessary expenditure incurred due to the public health emergency and meets the other criteria of section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance. For example, a transfer from a county to a constituent city would not be permissible if the funds were intended to be used simply to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify as an eligible expenditure.

Is a Fund payment recipient required to transfer funds to a smaller, constituent unit of government within its borders?

No. For example, a county recipient is not required to transfer funds to smaller cities within the county's borders.

Are recipients required to use other federal funds or seek reimbursement under other federal programs before using Fund payments to satisfy eligible expenses?

No. Recipients may use Fund payments for any expenses eligible under section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance. Fund payments are not required to be used as the source of funding of last resort. However, as noted below, recipients may not use payments from the Fund to cover expenditures for which they will receive reimbursement.

Are there prohibitions on combining a transaction supported with Fund payments with other CARES Act funding or COVID-19 relief Federal funding?

Recipients will need to consider the applicable restrictions and limitations of such other sources of funding. In addition, expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program, such as the reimbursement by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act of contributions by States to State unemployment funds, are not eligible uses of Fund payments.

Are States permitted to use Fund payments to support state unemployment insurance funds generally?

To the extent that the costs incurred by a state unemployment insurance fund are incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, a State may use Fund payments to make payments to its respective state unemployment insurance fund, separate and apart from such State's obligation to the unemployment insurance fund as an employer. This will permit States to use Fund payments to prevent expenses related to the public health emergency from causing their state unemployment insurance funds to become insolvent.

Are recipients permitted to use Fund payments to pay for unemployment insurance costs incurred by the recipient as an employer?

Yes, Fund payments may be used for unemployment insurance costs incurred by the recipient as an employer (for example, as a reimbursing employer) related to the COVID-19 public health emergency if such costs will not be reimbursed by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act or otherwise.

The Guidance states that the Fund may support a “broad range of uses” including payroll expenses for several classes of employees whose services are “substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.” What are some examples of types of covered employees?

The Guidance provides examples of broad classes of employees whose payroll expenses would be eligible expenses under the Fund. These classes of employees include public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Payroll and benefit costs associated with public employees who could have been furloughed or otherwise laid off but who were instead repurposed to perform previously unbudgeted functions substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency are also covered. Other eligible expenditures include payroll and benefit costs of educational support staff or faculty responsible for developing online learning capabilities necessary to continue educational instruction in response to COVID-19-related school closures. Please see the Guidance for a discussion of what is meant by an expense that was not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020.

In some cases, first responders and critical health care workers that contract COVID-19 are eligible for workers’ compensation coverage. Is the cost of this expanded workers compensation coverage eligible?

Increased workers compensation cost to the government due to the COVID-19 public health emergency incurred during the period beginning March 1, 2020, and ending December 30, 2020, is an eligible expense.

If a recipient would have decommissioned equipment or not renewed a lease on particular office space or equipment but decides to continue to use the equipment or to renew the lease in order to respond to the public health emergency, are the costs associated with continuing to operate the equipment or the ongoing lease payments eligible expenses?

Yes. To the extent the expenses were previously unbudgeted and are otherwise consistent with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance, such expenses would be eligible.

May recipients provide stipends to employees for eligible expenses (for example, a stipend to employees to improve telework capabilities) rather than require employees to incur the eligible cost and submit for reimbursement?

Expenditures paid for with payments from the Fund must be limited to those that are necessary due to the public health emergency. As such, unless the government were to determine that providing assistance in the form of a stipend is an administrative necessity, the government should provide such assistance on a reimbursement basis to ensure as much as possible that funds are used to cover only eligible expenses.

May Fund payments be used for COVID-19 public health emergency recovery planning?

Yes. Expenses associated with conducting a recovery planning project or operating a recovery coordination office would be eligible, if the expenses otherwise meet the criteria set forth in section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance.

Are expenses associated with contact tracing eligible?

Yes, expenses associated with contract tracing are eligible.

To what extent may a government use Fund payments to support the operations of private hospitals?

Governments may use Fund payments to support public or private hospitals to the extent that the costs are necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, but the form such assistance would take may differ. In particular, financial assistance to private hospitals could take the form of a grant or a short-term loan.

May payments from the Fund be used to assist individuals with enrolling in a government benefit program for those who have been laid off due to COVID-19 and thereby lost health insurance?

Yes. To the extent that the relevant government official determines that these expenses are necessary and they meet the other requirements set forth in section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance, these expenses are eligible.

May recipients use Fund payments to facilitate livestock depopulation incurred by producers due to supply chain disruptions?

Yes, to the extent these efforts are deemed necessary for public health reasons or as a form of economic support as a result of the COVID-19 health emergency.

Would providing a consumer grant program to prevent eviction and assist in preventing homelessness be considered an eligible expense?

Yes, assuming that the recipient considers the grants to be a necessary expense incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and the grants meet the other requirements for the use of Fund payments under section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance. As a general matter, providing assistance to recipients to enable them to meet property tax requirements would not be an eligible use of funds, but exceptions may be made in the case of assistance designed to prevent foreclosures.

May recipients create a “payroll support program” for public employees?

Use of payments from the Fund to cover payroll or benefits expenses of public employees are limited to those employees whose work duties are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

May recipients use Fund payments to cover employment and training programs for employees that have been furloughed due to the public health emergency?

Yes, this would be an eligible expense if the government determined that the costs of such employment and training programs would be necessary due to the public health emergency.

May recipients use Fund payments to provide emergency financial assistance to individuals and families directly impacted by a loss of income due to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

Yes, if a government determines such assistance to be a necessary expenditure. Such assistance could include, for example, a program to assist individuals with payment of overdue rent or mortgage payments to avoid eviction or foreclosure or unforeseen financial costs for funerals and other emergency individual needs. Such assistance should be structured in a manner to ensure as much as possible, within the realm of what is administratively feasible, that such assistance is necessary.

The Guidance provides that eligible expenditures may include expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures. What is meant by a “small business,” and is the Guidance intended to refer only to expenditures to cover administrative expenses of such a grant program?

Governments have discretion to determine what payments are necessary. A program that is aimed at assisting small businesses with the costs of business interruption caused by required closures should be tailored to assist those businesses in need of such assistance. The amount of a grant to a small business to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures would also be an eligible expenditure under section 601(d) of the Social Security Act, as outlined in the Guidance.

The Guidance provides that expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the public health emergency, such as expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures, would constitute eligible expenditures of Fund payments. Would such expenditures be eligible in the absence of a stay-at-home order?

Fund payments may be used for economic support in the absence of a stay-at-home order if such expenditures are determined by the government to be necessary. This may include, for example, a grant program to benefit small businesses that close voluntarily to promote social distancing measures or that are affected by decreased customer demand as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

May Fund payments be used to assist impacted property owners with the payment of their property taxes?

Fund payments may not be used for government revenue replacement, including the provision of assistance to meet tax obligations.

May Fund payments be used to replace foregone utility fees? If not, can Fund payments be used as a direct subsidy payment to all utility account holders?

Fund payments may not be used for government revenue replacement, including the replacement of unpaid utility fees. Fund payments may be used for subsidy payments to electricity account holders to the extent that the subsidy payments are deemed by the recipient to be necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and meet the other criteria of section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance. For example, if determined to be a necessary expenditure, a government could provide grants to individuals facing economic hardship to allow them to pay their utility fees and thereby continue to receive essential services.

Could Fund payments be used for capital improvement projects that broadly provide potential economic development in a community?

In general, no. If capital improvement projects are not necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, then Fund payments may not be used for such projects.

However, Fund payments may be used for the expenses of, for example, establishing temporary public medical facilities and other measures to increase COVID-19 treatment capacity or improve mitigation measures, including related construction costs.

The Guidance includes workforce bonuses as an example of ineligible expenses but provides that hazard pay would be eligible if otherwise determined to be a necessary expense. Is there a specific definition of “hazard pay”?

Hazard pay means additional pay for performing hazardous duty or work involving physical hardship, in each case that is related to COVID-19.

The Guidance provides that ineligible expenditures include “[p]ayroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.” Is this intended to relate only to public employees?

Yes. This particular nonexclusive example of an ineligible expenditure relates to public employees. A recipient would not be permitted to pay for payroll or benefit expenses of private employees and any financial assistance (such as grants or short-term loans) to private employers are not subject to the restriction that the private employers’ employees must be substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

May counties pre-pay with CARES Act funds for expenses such as a one or two-year facility lease, such as to house staff hired in response to COVID-19?

A government should not make prepayments on contracts using payments from the Fund to the extent that doing so would not be consistent with its ordinary course policies and procedures.

Must a stay-at-home order or other public health mandate be in effect in order for a government to provide assistance to small businesses using payments from the Fund?

No. The Guidance provides, as an example of an eligible use of payments from the Fund, expenditures related to the provision of grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures. Such assistance may be provided using amounts received from the Fund in the absence of a requirement to close businesses if the relevant government determines that such expenditures are necessary in response to the public health emergency.

Should States receiving a payment transfer funds to local governments that did not receive payments directly from Treasury?

Yes, provided that the transferred funds are used by the local government for eligible expenditures under the statute. To facilitate prompt distribution of Title V funds, the CARES Act authorized Treasury to make direct payments to local governments with populations in excess of 500,000, in amounts equal to 45% of the local government's per capita share of the statewide allocation. This statutory structure was based on a recognition that it is more administratively feasible to rely on States, rather than the federal government, to manage the transfer of funds to smaller local governments. Consistent with the needs of all local governments for funding to address the public health emergency, States should transfer funds to local governments with populations of 500,000 or less, using as a benchmark the per capita allocation formula that governs payments to larger local governments. This approach will ensure equitable treatment among local governments of all sizes.

For example, a State received the minimum \$1.25 billion allocation and had one county with a population over 500,000 that received \$250 million directly. The State should distribute 45 percent of the \$1 billion it received, or \$450 million, to local governments within the State with a population of 500,000 or less.

May a State impose restrictions on transfers of funds to local governments?

Yes, to the extent that the restrictions facilitate the State's compliance with the requirements set forth in section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance and other applicable requirements such as the Single Audit Act, discussed below. Other restrictions are not permissible.

If a recipient must issue tax anticipation notes (TANs) to make up for tax due date deferrals or revenue shortfalls, are the expenses associated with the issuance eligible uses of Fund payments?

If a government determines that the issuance of TANs is necessary due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the government may expend payments from the Fund on the interest expense payable on TANs by the borrower and unbudgeted administrative and transactional costs, such as necessary payments to advisors and underwriters, associated with the issuance of the TANs.

May recipients use Fund payments to expand rural broadband capacity to assist with distance learning and telework?

Such expenditures would only be permissible if they are necessary for the public health emergency. The cost of projects that would not be expected to increase capacity to a significant extent until the need for distance learning and telework have passed due to this public health emergency would not be necessary due to the public health emergency and thus would not be eligible uses of Fund payments.

Are costs associated with increased solid waste capacity an eligible use of payments from the Fund?

Yes, costs to address increase in solid waste as a result of the public health emergency, such as relates to the disposal of used personal protective equipment, would be an eligible expenditure.

May payments from the Fund be used to cover across-the-board hazard pay for employees working during a state of emergency?

No. The Guidance says that funding may be used to meet 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 COVID-19 public health emergency. Hazard pay is a form of payroll expense and is subject to this limitation, so Fund payments may only be used to cover hazard pay for such individuals.

May Fund payments be used for expenditures related to the administration of Fund payments by a State, territorial, local, or Tribal government?

Yes, if the administrative expenses represent an increase over previously budgeted amounts and are limited to what is necessary. For example, a State may expend Fund payments on necessary administrative expenses incurred with respect to a new grant program established to disburse amounts received from the Fund.

May recipients use Fund payments to provide loans?

Yes, if the loans otherwise qualify as eligible expenditures under section 601(d) of the Social Security Act as implemented by the Guidance. Any amounts repaid by the borrower before December 30, 2020, must be either returned to Treasury upon receipt by the unit of government providing the loan or used for another expense that qualifies as an eligible expenditure under section 601(d) of the Social Security Act. Any amounts not repaid by the borrower until after December 30, 2020, must be returned to Treasury upon receipt by the unit of government lending the funds.

May Fund payments be used for expenditures necessary to prepare for a future COVID-19 outbreak?

Fund payments may be used only for expenditures necessary to address the current COVID-19 public health emergency. For example, a State may spend Fund payments to create a reserve of personal protective equipment or develop increased intensive care unit capacity to support regions in its jurisdiction not yet affected, but likely to be impacted by the current COVID-19 pandemic.

May funds be used to satisfy non-federal matching requirements under the Stafford Act?

Yes, payments from the Fund may be used to meet the non-federal matching requirements for Stafford Act assistance to the extent such matching requirements entail COVID-19-related costs that otherwise satisfy the Fund's eligibility criteria and the Stafford Act. Regardless of the use of Fund payments for such purposes, FEMA funding is still dependent on FEMA's determination of eligibility under the Stafford Act.

Must a State, local, or tribal government require applications to be submitted by businesses or individuals before providing assistance using payments from the Fund?

Governments have discretion to determine how to tailor assistance programs they establish in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. However, such a program should be structured in such a manner as will ensure that such assistance is determined to be necessary in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and otherwise satisfies the requirements of the CARES Act and other applicable law. For example, a per capita payment to residents of a particular jurisdiction without an assessment of individual need would not be an appropriate use of payments from the Fund.

May Fund payments be provided to non-profits for distribution to individuals in need of financial assistance, such as rent relief?

Yes, non-profits may be used to distribute assistance. Regardless of how the assistance is structured, the financial assistance provided would have to be related to COVID-19.

May recipients use Fund payments to remarket the recipient's convention facilities and tourism industry?

Yes, if the costs of such remarketing satisfy the requirements of the CARES Act. Expenses incurred to publicize the resumption of activities and steps taken to ensure a safe experience may be needed due to

the public health emergency. Expenses related to developing a long-term plan to reposition a recipient's convention and tourism industry and infrastructure would not be incurred due to the public health emergency and therefore may not be covered using payments from the Fund.

May a State provide assistance to farmers and meat processors to expand capacity, such to cover overtime for USDA meat inspectors?

If a State determines that expanding meat processing capacity, including by paying overtime to USDA meat inspectors, is a necessary expense incurred due to the public health emergency, such as if increased capacity is necessary to allow farmers and processors to donate meat to food banks, then such expenses are eligible expenses, provided that the expenses satisfy the other requirements set forth in section 601(d) of the Social Security Act outlined in the Guidance.

The guidance provides that funding may be used to meet 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 COVID-19 public health emergency. May Fund payments be used to cover such an employee's entire payroll cost or just the portion of time spent on mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

As a matter of administrative convenience, the entire payroll cost of an employee whose time is substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency is eligible, provided that such payroll costs are incurred by December 30, 2020. An employer may also track time spent by employees related to COVID-19 and apply Fund payments on that basis but would need to do so consistently within the relevant agency or department.

May Fund payments be used to cover increased administrative leave costs of public employees who could not telework in the event of a stay at home order or a case of COVID-19 in the workplace?

The statute requires that payments be used only to cover costs that were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020. As stated in the Guidance, 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. If the cost of an employee was allocated to administrative leave to a greater extent than was expected, the cost of such administrative leave may be covered using payments from the Fund.

Questions Related to Administration of Fund Payments

Do governments have to return unspent funds to Treasury?

Yes. Section 601(f)(2) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001(a) of the CARES Act, provides for recoupment by the Department of the Treasury of amounts received from the Fund that have not been used in a manner consistent with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act. If a government has not used funds it has received to cover costs that were incurred by December 30, 2020, as required by the statute, those funds must be returned to the Department of the Treasury.

What records must be kept by governments receiving payment?

A government should keep records sufficient to demonstrate that the amount of Fund payments to the government has been used in accordance with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act.

May recipients deposit Fund payments into interest bearing accounts?

Yes, provided that if recipients separately invest amounts received from the Fund, they must use the interest earned or other proceeds of these investments only to cover expenditures incurred in accordance with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act and the Guidance on eligible expenses. If a government deposits Fund payments in a government's general account, it may use those funds to meet immediate cash management needs provided that the full amount of the payment is used to cover necessary expenditures. Fund payments are not subject to the Cash Management Improvement Act of 1990, as amended.

May governments retain assets purchased with payments from the Fund?

Yes, if the purchase of the asset was consistent with the limitations on the eligible use of funds provided by section 601(d) of the Social Security Act.

What rules apply to the proceeds of disposition or sale of assets acquired using payments from the Fund?

If such assets are disposed of prior to December 30, 2020, the proceeds would be subject to the restrictions on the eligible use of payments from the Fund provided by section 601(d) of the Social Security Act.

Are Fund payments to State, territorial, local, and tribal governments considered grants?

No. Fund payments made by Treasury to State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments are not considered to be grants but are "other financial assistance" under 2 C.F.R. § 200.40.

Are Fund payments considered federal financial assistance for purposes of the Single Audit Act?

Yes, Fund payments are considered to be federal financial assistance subject to the Single Audit Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. § 200.303 regarding internal controls, §§ 200.330 through 200.332 regarding subrecipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

Are Fund payments subject to other requirements of the Uniform Guidance?

Fund payments are subject to the following requirements in the Uniform Guidance (2 C.F.R. Part 200): 2 C.F.R. § 200.303 regarding internal controls, 2 C.F.R. §§ 200.330 through 200.332 regarding subrecipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

Is there a Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number assigned to the Fund?

Yes. The CFDA number assigned to the Fund is 21.019.

If a State transfers Fund payments to its political subdivisions, would the transferred funds count toward the subrecipients' total funding received from the federal government for purposes of the Single Audit Act?

Yes. The Fund payments to subrecipients would count toward the threshold of the Single Audit Act and 2 C.F.R. part 200, subpart F re: audit requirements. Subrecipients are subject to a single audit or program-

specific audit pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.501(a) when the subrecipients spend \$750,000 or more in federal awards during their fiscal year.

Are recipients permitted to use payments from the Fund to cover the expenses of an audit conducted under the Single Audit Act?

Yes, such expenses would be eligible expenditures, subject to the limitations set forth in 2 C.F.R. § 200.425.

If a government has transferred funds to another entity, from which entity would the Treasury Department seek to recoup the funds if they have not been used in a manner consistent with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act?

The Treasury Department would seek to recoup the funds from the government that received the payment directly from the Treasury Department. State, territorial, local, and Tribal governments receiving funds from Treasury should ensure that funds transferred to other entities, whether pursuant to a grant program or otherwise, are used in accordance with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act as implemented in the Guidance.

Coronavirus Relief Fund Reporting and Record
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MEMORANDUM FOR CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND RECIPIENTS

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SUBJECT: Coronavirus Relief Fund Reporting and Record Retention Requirements

Title VI of the Social Security Act, as amended by Title V of Division A of the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act* (Public Law 115-136), provides that the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) Office of Inspector General (OIG) is responsible for monitoring and oversight of the receipt, disbursement, and use of Coronavirus Relief Fund payments. Treasury OIG also has authority to recover funds in the event that it is determined a recipient of a Coronavirus Relief Fund payment failed to comply with requirements of subsection 601(d) of the Social Security Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 801(d)). Accordingly, we are providing recipient reporting and record retention requirements that are essential for the exercise of these responsibilities, including our conduct of audits and investigations.

Reporting Requirements and Timelines

Each prime recipient of Coronavirus Relief Fund payments¹ shall report Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) related "costs incurred" during the "covered period"² (the period beginning on March 1, 2020 and ending on December 30, 2020), in the manner of and according to the timelines outlined in this memorandum. As described below, each prime recipient shall report interim and quarterly data and other recipient data according to these requirements. Treasury OIG is working on development of a portal with GrantSolutions³ that is expected to be operational on

¹ Prime recipients include all 50 States, Units of Local Governments, the District of Columbia, U.S. Territories, and Tribal Governments that received a direct payment from Treasury in accordance with Title V.

² Refer to Treasury's guidance dated June 30, 2020 for more information on costs incurred and the covered period.

³ A grant management service provider under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

September 1, 2020, for recipients to report data on a quarterly basis. Until the GrantSolutions portal is operational, each prime recipient shall follow the interim reporting requirements. Treasury OIG will notify each prime recipient when GrantSolutions is operational or of any changes to the expected September 1, 2020 start date.

Interim Reporting for the period March 1 through June 30, 2020

By no later than July 17, 2020, each prime recipient is responsible for reporting costs incurred during the period March 1 through June 30, 2020. For this interim report, prime recipients need only report totals by the following broad categories:

- a. Amount transferred to other governments;
- b. Amount spent on payroll for public health and safety employees;
- c. Amount spent on budgeted personnel and services diverted to a substantially different use;
- d. Amount spent to improve telework capabilities of public employees;
- e. Amount spent on medical expenses;
- f. Amount spent on public health expenses;
- g. Amount spent to facilitate distance learning;
- h. Amount spent providing economic support;
- i. Amount spent on expenses associated with the issuance of tax anticipation notes; and
- j. Amount spent on items not listed above.

Recipients should consult Treasury's guidance and Frequently Asked Questions in reporting costs incurred during the period March 1 through June 30, 2020. The total of all categories must equal the total of all costs incurred during that period. A spreadsheet is attached for your use in providing the data. As discussed below, the prime recipient will be required to report information for the period March 1 through June 30, 2020 into GrantSolutions once it is operational.

Quarterly Reporting

Each prime recipient of Coronavirus Relief Fund payments shall report COVID-19 related costs into the GrantSolutions portal. Data required to be reported includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. the total amount of payments from the Coronavirus Relief Fund received from Treasury;
2. the amount of funds received that were expended or obligated for each project or activity;
3. a detailed list of all projects or activities for which funds were expended or obligated, including:
 - a. the name of the project or activity;
 - b. a description of the project or activity; and

4. detailed information on any loans issued; contracts and grants awarded; transfers made to other government entities; and direct payments made by the recipient that are greater than \$50,000.

The prime recipient is responsible for reporting into the GrantSolutions portal information on uses of Coronavirus Relief Fund payments.

Recipient Portal Access: For future quarterly reporting, each prime recipient will have GrantSolutions portal access for three (3) individuals: two (2) designees (preparers) to input quarterly data and one (1) official authorized to certify that the data is true, accurate, and complete.⁴ **By no later than July 17, 2020**, please provide the name, title, email address, phone number, and postal address of these individuals so that portal access can be granted. After this information is received, guidance on the GrantSolutions portal access and data submission instructions will be issued separately.

Reporting timeline

By no later than September 21, 2020, recipients shall submit via the portal the first detailed quarterly report, which shall cover the period March 1 through June 30, 2020. Thereafter, quarterly reporting will be due no later than 10 days after each calendar quarter. For example, the period July 1 through September 30, 2020, must be reported no later than October 13, 2020 (Tuesday after the 10th day of October and the Columbus Day Holiday). Reporting shall end with either the calendar quarter after the COVID-19 related costs and expenditures have been liquidated and paid or the calendar quarter ending September 30, 2021, whichever comes first.

Record Retention Requirements

Recipients of Coronavirus Relief Fund payments shall maintain and make available to the Treasury OIG upon request all documents and financial records sufficient to establish compliance with subsection 601(d) of the Social Security Act, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 801(d)), which provides:

(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State, Tribal government, and unit of local government shall use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover only those costs of the State, Tribal government, or unit of local government that—

1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19;
2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the State or government; and

⁴ The certifying official is an authorized representative of the recipient organization with the legal authority to give assurances, make commitments, enter into contracts, and execute such documents on behalf of the recipient.

3. were incurred⁵ during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

Records to support compliance with subsection 601(d) may include, but are not limited to, copies of the following:

1. general ledger and subsidiary ledgers used to account for (a) the receipt of Coronavirus Relief Fund payments and (b) the disbursements from such payments to meet eligible expenses related to the public health emergency due to COVID-19;
2. budget records for 2019 and 2020;
3. payroll, time records, human resource records to support costs incurred for payroll expenses related to addressing the public health emergency due to COVID-19;
4. receipts of purchases made related to addressing the public health emergency due to COVID-19;
5. contracts and subcontracts entered into using Coronavirus Relief Fund payments and all documents related to such contracts;
6. grant agreements and grant subaward agreements entered into using Coronavirus Relief Fund payments and all documents related to such awards;
7. all documentation of reports, audits, and other monitoring of contractors, including subcontractors, and grant recipient and subrecipients;
8. all documentation supporting the performance outcomes of contracts, subcontracts, grant awards, and grant recipient subawards;
9. all internal and external email/electronic communications related to use of Coronavirus Relief Fund payments; and
10. all investigative files and inquiry reports involving Coronavirus Relief Fund payments.

Records shall be maintained for a period of five (5) years after final payment is made using Coronavirus Relief Fund monies. These record retention requirements are applicable to all prime recipients and their grantees and subgrant recipients, contractors, and other levels of government that received transfers of Coronavirus Relief Fund payments from prime recipients.

Thank you and we appreciate your assistance.

⁵ Refer to Treasury's guidance dated June 30, 2020 for more information on the definition of costs incurred.

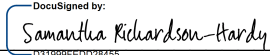
Appendix 2 - Attestation

ATTESTATION

I, Samantha Richardson-Hardy, am the Title: president of Name of Organization: The Gathering of women Inc., and I certify that:

1. I have the authority on behalf of The Gathering of women Inc. (Organization) to sign this Attestation.
2. I understand that the Pinellas Community Foundation will rely on this attestation as a material representation in making a direct payment to this Organization.
3. The Gathering of women Inc. (Organization) attests that proposed expenditures of this grant are appropriate and aligned with the awarded proposal, are for services related COVID-19 impacts to residents and/or the community on or after March 1, 2020, do not supplant existing services or budgets, and are not reimbursable by alternate means.
4. The Gathering of women Inc. (Organization) attests it will only expend funds from this grant which are appropriate and aligned with the awarded proposal, are for services related COVID-19 impacts to residents and/or the community on or after March 1, 2020, and do not supplant existing services or budgets, and are not reimbursable by alternate means.

By: Samantha Richardson-Hardy (Printed Name)

Signature:  Samantha Richardson-Hardy

Title: president

Date: 9/13/2020

APPENDIX 3 – Minimum Monitoring Requirements

1. Site visit at onset of grant (could be virtual)
2. Site visit during grant program (could be virtual)
3. Mandatory training provided by PCF at onset of grant re: fiscal and accountability
4. Reimbursement only
5. Monthly report requesting reimbursement to include all invoice support, including detail timesheets and paystubs with allocation between payroll supporting this grant and others
6. Monthly budget to actual report
7. Obtain close-out report from grantee and reconcile to internal records

Appendix 4 – Application for Funding (including budget plan)

The Gathering of Women Food Pantry

Pinellas CARES Nonprofit Partnership Fund

The Gathering of Women Inc.

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Application Form

Introduction

Submission of an application is not a guarantee or commitment of funding. This application will be made public, in its entirety, including any attachments or uploads.

To see the rubric by which your organization's application will be scored, [click here](#).

Please answer these questions FIRST, as the application will show you the required sections and fields to complete based on your answers.

Priority Funding Areas*

Please select the priority area(s) most relevant to your request (see the PCF website for examples).

Food

Reimbursement*

The Pinellas CARES Nonprofit Partnership Fund allows requests to ask for reimbursement of expenditures related to COVID-19 programming within the Priority Funding Areas that took place between March 1, 2020 and the time of application.

Will your organization be applying for this cost reimbursement?

No

Future Programming*

Will your organization be applying for funding for services to be delivered between the grant award decision and December 30, 2020?

Yes

Project Name*

The Gathering of Women Food Pantry

EIN*

27-1689089

DUNS Number*

Please provide your organization's DUNS number. This is the Data Universal Numbering System.

You can search for your DUNS number here: <https://www.dnb.com/duns-number/lookup.html>

If you do not have a DUNS number, you can apply for one here (it is free and may take 3-4 days for approval): <https://www.dnb.com/duns-number/get-a-duns.html>

This field is optional as to not stop a qualifying organization from applying. HOWEVER, a DUNS number will be required if your organization is approved for a grant. Your organization should apply for a DUNS number now if it does not yet have one.

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Mission Statement*

Founded in 2005, The Gathering of Women Inc.(GOW) provides a voice for women and a force for change. We are a cross-cultural alliance of women catalyzing partnerships and developing solutions to achieve sustained economic security and opportunities for members of the community. Our mission is to alleviate hunger by providing access to food and grocery products to children, and families in need, and by mobilizing community leaders to understand the importance of tackling food insecurity.

Total Operating Expenditure*

What are your total annual operating expenses?

\$149,600.00

Amount Requested*

Please review the entire application and its fiscal requirements before determining the total amount your organization will be requesting. This amount should include any reimbursements your organization is seeking for past COVID-19 programming.

Typical funding requests will range between \$25,000 and \$250,000. Amounts above and below are accepted, provided the request can be justified by community need.

Requests at the higher end, or above this range must have a significant and sustained impact on the vulnerable community being served. Your organization's capacity for spending a large amount of funds must also be justified.

\$63,958.00

If you are requesting more than \$250,000 or a large capital expenditure, please speak with PCF program staff to discuss the feasibility of your request **PRIOR TO submission**.

Priority Populations*

Please select the priority populations your programming will serve:

Note: Examples of "high-risk pandemic response jobs" include front-line workers, nurses, medical housekeeping staff, nonprofit employees, law-enforcement and medical first responders.

- Communities of color
- Children and/or the elderly
- People experiencing homelessness
- Residents with language barriers
- Persons with disabilities
- Low-income families

Guiding Principles*

One of the guiding principles of this fund is that it will apply a lens of equity to ensure the needs of specified priority populations are met.

From the priority populations you have indicated above, please explain to what extent one or more these populations are involved in the creation, design, and impact of your organization (or this specific project).

GOW serves communities of color to include women and their families living in Pinellas County who are either black or brown and/or immigrants who have English as their second language. Each demographic served is represented and involved in the creation, design, and impact of our organization. Our impressive list of board members, volunteers, and supporters also demonstrates our diversity.

Despite hunger affecting Americans of all ages, races, and ethnicity, it disproportionately affects communities of color. The truth is communities of color experience food insecurity more than their white counterparts. Covid-19 has triggered massive job loss and hunger across all communities, Latinos and African Americans have suffered increased economic loss, making recovery even harder than before. In Low-income communities the consequences are clear, decreased access to healthy food means people from low-income communities suffer more from a diet-related disease like obesity and diabetes.

Length of time operating program/project*

Please briefly explain how long you have been operating the program or project for which you are requesting funds. **This funding is for expansion of existing programming or sustaining an existing expansion to meet community needs.**

In response to the urgent need for meal distribution for the communities the GOW serves, we began operating a food pantry in May 2020. Foodservice delivery will be an expansion of our existing service since seniors we serve are homebound.

Service Area*

In which areas of the county do you physically provide services?

Mid-County (locations such as Clearwater, Largo, Safety Harbor)
South County (locations such as St. Petersburg, Lealman, Kenneth City)

Impact on Organization*

What has been the impact of the coronavirus/COVID-19 on the services of your organization? (Example: inability to provide enough food, unable to provide behavioral health sessions, lack of volunteerism, etc.)

Serving the economically challenged region of South St. Petersburg, especially families in the 33712, 33711, and 33705 zip codes, The GOW mobilized quickly to assess challenges and to make sure the people we serve were provided the supports they needed. The coronavirus pandemic has brought many changes to the services of our organization and unexpected variables. GOW canceled or postponed many of our fundraisers. This sadly resulted in a reduction in donations for our programs. The pandemic inspired us to be more agile, to pivot and approach issues more innovatively and challenged us to look at our work differently. For some of our programs, we transitioned to virtual or online experiences. We learned to shift how we deliver services and ensure we can provide much-needed support. We surveyed our audience of clients served, opened a food pantry, and implemented social distancing. One of our biggest challenges was how to transition and sustain volunteers. We had to find ways to recruit and deploy volunteers in ways that were safe, efficient, and effectual and that meant implementing strict guidelines distributed by the CDC.

It is important to note that until May of 2020, GOW was 100% run by volunteers and did not have a payroll. Because of the immense coordination needed to distribute food and services during COVID, the board has agreed to bring on paid staff to manage and implement food service delivery. Every day we get requests from our LPOs to serve more people and that projection is represented in the numbers we expect to serve if this proposal is funded.

Fiscal Accountability

Federal Fund Disclosure*

If your organization is awarded this grant, you may be considered a subrecipient of federal funding. THEREFORE, if you are deemed a subrecipient and your organization reaches a threshold of having spent more than \$750,000 in federal funding this fiscal year (this INCLUDES other federally funded programs), it will be subject to requirements of the Federal Single Audit Act. This will require your organization to comply with Federal Compliance Requirements and may necessitate additional expenses for your organization and you should prepare for this.

It is advisable that you contact a certified public accountant (CPA) or other professional for guidance.

Yes, my organization understands and assumes all liabilities/costs in regards to federal funding.

Audited Financial Statements*

Does your organization routinely contract to have an audit conducted of its financial statements?

No

Most Recently Filed IRS Form 990*

Please upload a copy of the organization's most recently filed IRS Form 990. **This is absolutely required.**

GOW e-Postcard Filing Confirmation from IRS.pdf

Board-Approved Budget*

Please upload your most recently board-approved budget for this fiscal year in PDF format.

GOW Annual Org Budget 2020.pdf

No Audited Financial Statements

Explanation for Lack of Audit*

Please briefly explain why your organization does not annually have an independent audit conducted. If you have any documentation, such as financials statements, or a letter from a CPA explaining the lack of an audit, you may upload it here in PDF format.

As a small organization, we have not been funded by an entity that requires an audit.

Expansion or Sustaining of Exact Programming Funded by Another Source

Existing Contract

If you are applying for funding to expand and/or sustain COVID-19 response programming that has already been funded by another source, please upload that contract here and provide a brief description of the funding source and relationship with the funder. Please note that any costs funded by another source are not allowed to be included in this application. Only the costs that are required to expand or sustain programs in excess of that funding will be considered for the purposes of this application.

GOW_TBResiliency Agreement.pdf

GOW was funded with a \$15,000 grant from the Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund. The agreement is attached. This grant supported food service delivery for the summer months of 2020 and funding will be expended by August 31, 2020.

Funding and Usage

Client Service Delivery*

Briefly describe the services to be delivered under the programming for which you are requesting funding. Please include when and where the services will occur, how the target population will access the services, and the length of time the services will be provided. **Please specify the zip codes of participants. If not available, specify the zip codes of service delivery points.**

The specific zip codes of our participants and the service delivery points are: 33701, 33705, 33709, 33710, 33711, 33712, 33713, 33714, 33771, 33781, 33782. Funding from the Pinellas Cares program would make it possible for the GOW to continue providing much-needed food to the Pinellas County community, a vital service. GOW provides direct services in economically challenged areas of high need. Since opening a full-service and delivery service food pantry in May, we have served more than 3600 participants. In addition to our food pantry, we will expand food services to homebound senior citizens in South Saint Petersburg.

The Covid-19 pandemic has left the elderly population especially vulnerable and they are encouraged to stay home, we will provide boxes of food directly to 100 homes. During this time of crisis, we are committed to our mission that no one should go hungry, as well as ensuring that each family in our community has the nutritious food, they need to stay healthy.

Due to school closures, job disruptions, lack of paid leave, businesses closing, and the disproportionate impact on adults 60 and older, low incomes families and people who are homeless are our priority because they are the most vulnerable.

Providing safe protocols and following the CDC guidelines, we will provide assistance to our target population to access the services with bags of food to participants in their vehicle or deliver bags of food to their doorstep. GOWs food pantry will operate every Wednesday thru Friday from 11-1:30 PM and is located at 2580 12th Ave South. We will follow the most up-to-date CDC guidelines making sure everyone has a mask and gloves to protect themselves, and will take the temperatures of all volunteers before they begin their shift.

Communication/Outreach and Community Engagement Efforts*

In what ways is your organization marketing and communicating its available programming to the community it serves? How will you ensure that your target population is aware of your services and utilizes them?

Between our service and the community, our aim for the community is to keep everyone informed of the service activities, which reduces misunderstandings and enhances support. The community is also able to explain its own needs, which can then be incorporated into our service plan. Food shelves assist a wide variety of people, but the people they serve all have one thing in common—they need help. It is important to create the right kind of environment to make clients and program participants feel welcome. This all results in strong long-term relationships, which is vital if the service is to thrive. As we promote food security in our community, the pantry will strengthen existing relationships or uncover partnership opportunities, volunteers, and donors along the way. Involving our clients in food pantry operations and connecting them to community resources will support the pantry and the families we serve. We will communicate our services through word of mouth, social media, and with our partnering agencies.

Hurricane Preparedness*

If a hurricane-related emergency were to strike Pinellas County this year and cause an interruption in your organization's normal programming, how would you return to offering the programming, and continue to spend awarded funds from this grant?

There is an expectation that your programming will be able to continue in the event of a hurricane-related emergency.

If your organization has a COOP (Continuity of Operations Plan), you may upload it here instead of providing a text answer. You may redact sensitive information from your organization's COOP.

In the aftermath of a major hurricane, basic necessities are often hard to come by, we have an emergency plan that will foster collaboration and cooperation as well as focusing on how to adapt our practice to ensure accountability and meet unique needs and circumstance that occur after a hurricane. We know that each participant will still have the same needs as before the storm, and most likely significantly greater needs after the storm. The GOW emergency plan includes a list of items needed. The hurricane preparedness guide will allow us to build a nutritious food supply full of energizing foods such as canned beans, legumes, vegetables, fish, and boxed oatmeal. The funds from this grant will be used to help stock the food pantry with perishable and nonperishable items and we will continue serving all GOW participants before, during, and after a hurricane as long as it is safe to continue food service delivery and operate the pantry.

Evidence of Insurance Coverage*

Grantees of the Pinellas CARES Nonprofit Partnership Fund will be required to maintain appropriate insurance to cover the services proposed in this application. PCF will determine whether this coverage is appropriate.

Please upload evidence of insurance policies that cover the programming for which your organization is requesting funds.

If there is no insurance coverage for this programming, please provide an explanation as to why.

Insurance Requirement*

If you are awarded a contract for the Pinellas CARES Nonprofit Partnership Fund, you will be required to list Pinellas Community Foundation as an additional insured through your general liability insurance. If you would like to begin this process now, please contact your general liability insurance carrier.

Here is the information for your carrier:

Pinellas Community Foundation
17755 US Highway 19 N
Suite 150
Clearwater, FL 33764
727-531-0058

Please check the box below to indicate that you understand and will be able to comply with this requirement.

The Budget Summary and Budget Narrative sections are absolutely critical to a successful application. Improperly completed forms will be returned to you to fix, and will delay a funding decision being made on your application. Please see the examples in each section. To avoid rejection of your organization's application, PCF HIGHLY recommends you watch this short, instructional video as well: Budget Narrative/Summary Instructions

If you would like to use a unit of service cost as a basis for your budget, you MUST contact Pinellas Community Foundation program staff FIRST to discuss this possibility.

Budget Summary*

Please download the budget summary template **HERE** and complete it. **If you have selected multiple Priority Fund Areas, you should include ALL costs in this summary.**

Capital includes buildings, vehicles, equipment at \$3,000 or more per item. The purchase of capital must represent the lower cost option for the period during which the purchased asset would be used for COVID-response activities. Outright purchase must be less than the cost of renting or leasing OR if renting or leasing is not available.

CLICK HERE TO SEE AN EXAMPLE OF A PROPERLY COMPLETED BUDGET SUMMARY.

Please export as a PDF and upload it.

GOW_CARES-Partnership-Fund-Budget-Summary.pdf

Budget Narrative*

Please download the budget narrative template **HERE** and complete it.

The budget narrative needs to do more than define the expenses. It should clearly state what is going to be paid using CARES funds and then justify the expenses as a program expansion (or sustaining an already expanded program) as a result of COVID-19. Do not bold, underline, or italicize. Use dollar amounts that match your Budget Summary.

If you have selected multiple Priority Fund Areas, you should include ALL costs in this narrative.

CLICK HERE TO SEE AN EXAMPLE OF A PROPERLY COMPLETED BUDGET NARRATIVE.

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Please export as a PDF and upload it.

GOW_CARES_AUGUST-Partnership-Fund-Budget-Narrative.pdf

Capital Requests

If you are requesting funding for capital expenses, please upload bids/estimates/rental agreements to match the expenses described in your budget summary and narrative.

Please upload in PDF format.

Logistical partner organizations (LPOs) are considered to be a critical part of service delivery strategy for this grant program, and using them is highly encouraged. Typical LPOs are:

- Grassroots organizations with small annual operating budgets (under \$50,000)
- Churches and other faith-based organizations
- Neighborhood associations
- Social organizations/collaboratives
- Resident councils in low-income house communities
- Neighborhood family centers
- Senior centers

Their essential role is to serve as outreach, information, referral and service delivery sites for food distribution, legal aid counseling to prevent evictions and behavioral health services, consistent with the three priority need areas in the grant specifications.

Are you going to use LPOs in this programming?*

Yes

Comment: Please see organization Documentation for updated list of LPO's provided by the applicant as per the request of the Committee upon approval.

Logistical Partner Organizations (LPOs)

LPO List*

Please upload a list with entity names and primary contact information for each LPO. If there is additional information to provide, do so in the text box below.

GOW Updated list of LPO's .pdf
GOWs LPO list is attached.

Comment: Attachment for the updated list of LPO's provided by the applicant as per the request of the Committee upon approval was updated administratively. Original submission document has been saved to Organization Documentation.

Role in Programming*

Please describe the role(s) of specified LPOs in the programming proposed in this application.

- 1.) MayMay & Kates's Rescue Angels - coordination and collaboration of food services to low-income families
- 2.) Dabs Community Service -train volunteers on the understanding of their primary functions and motivation
- 3.) Golden Generations-Elder share opportunities
- 4.) UF/IFAS Ext. Family Nutrition program-provides a focus on health & wellness for the families and seniors
- 5.) Lunch Pals -mentoring children to reach their full potential
- 6.) Dos Crescent Foundation-providing scholarship opportunities to youth in Pinellas county
- 7.) Bartlett Park Community Gardens -providing residents a chance to grow their own food
- 8.) St. Joseph Catholic Church-connecting youth & families to grow & cook their food
- 9.) Top Ladies of Distinction-inclusive working together to assist students to succeed
- 10.) North Community Library-collaborative literacy program
- 11.) Adoption Advocate -team approach supportive services to advocate for families
- 12.) CRA Counseling & Consulting Agency- committed to providing care in crisis
- 13.) First Baptist Inst. Church-creating influential youth programs that involve strategy and planning
- 14.) The City of St. Petersburg- My Brother's Keeper -engaging youth in performance arts program

Food

This grant will require weekly reporting on the following measures:

- **Number of Pinellas County residents** accepting food by zip code of participant or distribution point (participant zip code is preferred)

Affirmation of Reporting*

I affirm that my organization is capable of providing weekly reports on the above measures.

Yes

Number of Pinellas County Residents Served During Grant Period - Food*

This grant period ends on December 30, 2020. Please estimate the number of clients that will be served **food** by the end of the grant period.

4100

September 2020 Projections - Food*

Please estimate the number of individuals to be served **food** by this funding in **September 2020**.

1100

October 2020 Projections - Food*

Please estimate the number of individuals to be served **food** by this funding in **October 2020**.

1150

November 2020 Projections - Food*

Please estimate the number of individuals to be served **food** by this funding in **November 2020**.

1400

December Projections - Food*

Please estimate the number of individuals to be served **food** by this funding in **December 2020**.

1490

Funder Involvement

Which of the funders have provided a grant to your organization within the last three years?*

Allegany Franciscan Ministries
Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund

Other Funding Sources

If your organization has submitted applications to other funders or has received funding in response to coronavirus/COVID-19 from another funder, please briefly describe below:

N/A

Corrective Action*

Is your organization currently under a corrective action agreement with any funder (including but not limited to those listed above)? If yes, please explain in detail, including the status of the corrective action. If no, state **No**.

No

Confirmation

Signature and Affirmation*

By submitting this application, I hereby swear that executive leadership is aware of this request for funding, and if this funding is approved, my organization will be able to use these funds in the manner described in the application.

Please type your name as an electronic signature and the date on which you are submitting this application.

Samantha Richardson-Hardy 8/19/2020

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Organization Details

Contact Information

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Your Form 990-N(e-Postcard) has been submitted to the IRS

- **Organization Name:** GATHERING OF WOMEN
- **EIN:** 271689089
- **Tax Year:** 2018
- **Tax Year Start Date:** 12-01-2018
- **Tax Year End Date:** 11-30-2019
- **Submission ID:** 10065520200283439723
- **Filing Status Date:** 01-28-2020
- **Filing Status:** Accepted

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The Gathering of Women Annual Organizational Budget
January through December 2020
(Updated and Approved by the Board on 8/18/20)

REVENUE	AMOUNT
Membership Dues	2,670
Public Agency Funding	22,209
Grants from Foundations	50,000
Fundraisers and Events	4,325
Miscellaneous	675
Cash Donations	330
Total Cash Revenue	\$80,209
Total In-Kind Revenue	\$ 71,000
Total Revenue	\$151,209
EXPENSES	
Staff Salary and Benefits	55,600
Occupancy (rent and utilities)	3,000
Insurance	529
Professional, Legal & Accounting Services	5,700
Equipment	11,085
Supplies	40,695
Printing and Copying	630
Telecommunications	2,580
Transportation, Travel and Meetings	5,400
Communications & Graphic Design	1,106
Staff Training/development	1,515
Contract Services	15,900
Postage & mailing services	1,650
Marketing	4,210
Total Cash Expenses	\$149,600
Year End Balance	1,609

The Gathering of Women Inc.

Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund - COVID-19 Response

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FollowUp Form

Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund Grant Certification

Please complete this Certification Form for the Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund. Please note all questions require an answer. If you have any questions or need help, please contact us at 727-531-0058.

Organization Name*

The Gathering of Women Inc.

Amount Awarded

\$15,000.00

Restrictions/Committee Comments

The Tampa Bay Resiliency Fund committee placed the following restrictions on these grants funds:

(If the field below is blank, the funds may be spent in accordance with the programming set out in your organization's original proposal)

Acceptance of Restrictions*

N/A, no restrictions given

Senior Leadership*

Has senior leadership and the relevant program directors been made aware of this award?

Yes, they are aware of this award.

I agree to the following grant conditions:*

My organization will:

- Use grant funds in accordance with the budget included in our proposal
- Not use any grant funds for any political or lobbying purposes or to aid in the election of a public official.
- Not transfer its rights or delegate any of its obligations under this grant
- Furnish Pinellas Community Foundation with any information concerning a change in the proposal or a change in our tax-exempt status.
- Make Pinellas Community Foundation immediately aware of any misuse of funds, and agree to return funds not used for the purpose as set out in our original proposal
- Provide a final report within six months to one year describing the funds expended, number of clients served, client stories, and improved disaster preparedness

Yes, I agree to these conditions.

Electronic Signature (required)

I certify that information on this form is true and factual.

Please type your name, title and date on the line below.

*

Samantha Richardson-Hardy, President 4/27/2020

Comments

Do you have any comments, corrections or thoughts you'd like to share?

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity for allowing the Gathering of Women to provide a much needed service to our community. Thank you so much

Please note: Shortly after completing this agreement, you will receive an email from DocuSign asking to submit banking information. This will allow Pinellas Community Foundation to issue payment through ACH rather than check. If you are unable to submit banking information, please contact dbender@pinellascf.org to arrange an alternate payment method.

File Attachment Summary

Applicant File Uploads

No files were uploaded

Pinellas Community Foundation
Pinellas CARES Nonprofit Partnership Fund Grant Application

Organization Name: The Gathering of Women

Project Name: The Gathering of Women Food Pantry

FROM (date): Sept. 1, 2020 TO (date): Dec. 30, 2020

Budget Category/Line Item	Organizational Budget - Total	Pinellas CARES Grant
Personnel (<i>salaries, wages, benefits, payroll taxes, time allocation on the project for all personnel involved in program</i>)	55,600	19,200
Equipment (<i>computers, furniture, etc., less than \$3,000 per item</i>)	11,085	3,258
Supplies (<i>office materials, program related purchases, program necessities to deliver services, etc.</i>)	40,695	16,000
Occupancy (<i>property rent, mortgage, utilities, telephone, internet, etc. assigned as program expenses</i>)	5,580	3,000
Local Travel (<i>mileage, tolls, parking for regular local travel, rental/leasing cost of transportation</i>)	5,400	3,100
Training (<i>staff development, conferences, long distance travel</i>)	1,515	1,400
Design, Printing, Marketing & Postage (<i>for direct program related services only</i>)	1,106	1,700
Capital (<i>Buildings, vehicles, equipment \$3,000 or more per item. The purchase of capital must represent the lower cost option for the period during which the purchased asset would be used for COVID-response activities</i>)	0	0
Purchased Services (<i>consultants, legal, accounting services, logistical partner costs, technology enhancements, computer software licensing/agreements</i>)	20,600	10,000
De Minimis Cost (<i>Administration Fee, Indirect Cost, etc.</i>)	8,019	6,300
TOTAL	149,600	63,958

Pinellas Community Foundation
Pinellas CARES Nonprofit Partnership Fund Application
BUDGET NARRATIVE FORM

If you are applying under multiple funding areas, please indicate which funding area (food, behavioral health, and/or eviction mitigation through legal aid) each cost belongs to.

Organization Name: The Gathering of Women

Project Name: The Gathering of Women Food Pantry

FROM (month/year): Sept./2020

TO (month/year): Dec./2020

Personnel (salaries, wages, benefits, payroll taxes, time allocation, and a brief description of the responsibilities on the project for all personnel involved in program)

It is important to note that The Gathering of Women Food Pantry program in its entirety was established because of a demonstrated need of hunger and food insecurity issues that were occurring with the base of people served by The Gathering of Women when the COVID pandemic hit in March 2020.

1 Food Delivery Coordinator. This has typically been a volunteer position, however to expand and serve the numbers needed because of COVID, this will be a paid position for 4 months. Due to the needs and the around-the-clock service necessary to serve all the needs, we propose this position be a paid position during the COVID expansion. This position is also in charge of coordinating, training and mobilizing all of the organizational volunteers in order to serve the increase in program participants.

16 weeks of service X average of 30 hours/week X \$40/hour = \$19,200

Equipment (computers, phone, furniture, etc., less than \$3,000 per item)

The following equipment is needed and necessary in order to increase the amount of people who need to utilize the food pantry and food delivery services provided by GOW due to the COVID pandemic. The increase in numbers served coupled with the increase in need has resulted in an increase of equipment needed to serve these individuals and families. The following list is what the food pantry needs to process the boxed food requests from September through December 2020”

3 chest freezers @ \$599.00 each =\$1797

Double High can rack 2 @ \$50 each=\$125.00

Sliding pantry Organizer 2 @ 120 each = \$240

Dollie for heavy lifting = \$ 271

Folding platform cart = \$150

Tables 3 @ \$125 = \$375

Shelving 4 @ \$ 75.00 = \$300

Total Equipment= \$3,258

The cost to rent the same size freezers from Florida Portable Polar Storage is \$170/month = \$680 each. Purchasing the freezer is more economical and provides sustainability for future food pantry storage in addition to helping the COVID program expansion take place and provide both perishable and non-perishable food to the most amount of people possible, given the space available at our home office. The dollie rental is \$70 per month, making the dollie economically better to purchase. The tables and shelves are needed to accommodate the expansion of the program and the collating needed to box up food items each day.

Supplies (office materials, program related purchases, program necessities to deliver services, etc.)

Food cost for breakfast, lunch and dinner:

\$16 each x 1000 family packages over four months = \$ 16,000 to serve approximately 1100 to 1490 persons per month, depending on demand.

The \$16.00 family package contains perishable and non-perishable items to include milk, eggs, canned foods, chicken, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, bread, frozen meats and vegetables and raw fruits and vegetables when available. These items are necessary in order to accommodate the needs of the community due to the COVID pandemic, the increase in unemployment, the increase in homelessness and the fact that many of the program recipients are part of a vulnerable population because they are either elderly, disabled or both and it is not safe for them to go into public with their compromised immune systems.

Food is typically purchased at GFS Foods, Sav A Lot, Publix and Walmart. (Discounts with these businesses are arranged through our partnerships and GOW utilizes coupons whenever possible, in order to serve and provide for the most amount of people.)

Occupancy (property rent, mortgage, utilities, telephone, internet, etc. assigned as program expenses)

\$3,000 to include storage/office rent, phone and internet for four months of food and supplies storage and to accommodate the increase in space needed to serve the increase of program recipients. GOW's program expansion also includes the need for space to organize volunteers. GOW is seeking a program partner, which will likely be a local church where we can rent a storage/office space and where we can lock the facility in order to protect the supplies in the food pantry after hours. These needs have all surfaced due to the COVID pandemic.

Local Travel (mileage, tolls, parking for regular local travel, rental/leasing cost of transportation)

Rental/leasing cost of transportation = \$ 3,100

GOW must partner with several transportation providers in order to get the supplies and food delivered both to the pantry and to program recipients on a daily basis. It is cheaper to lease vans and transportation services than to purchase a vehicle to handle the deliveries and then have to pay a driver.

This cost reflects an average cost of \$25/day for pick-up and delivery of food in addition to the deliveries to be made by the Food Delivery Coordinator for the entire 4-month period. These

food deliveries are necessary in order to serve the vulnerable program recipients who are not able to pick up their food at the pantry due to COVID and need home delivery.

Each month between 1100 and 1490 persons will be served making the average cost for each individual served about .27 cents for transportation/mileage.

Training (staff development, conferences, long distance travel)

\$1,400 for volunteer training on all PPE and CDC COVID-related and safety protocols and for the Food Coordinator to attend webinars on service delivery methods, etc.

Design, Printing, Marketing & Postage (for direct program related services only)

\$1,700 for printed flyers and hang tags distributed to all LPOs over the four-month period. Flyers are the most effective way to get the word out to GOW recipients needed services due to the COVID pandemic and we are able to leave flyers and hang tags on apartment complex doors, at churches and community centers and with all of our program partners.

Capital (buildings, vehicles, equipment \$3,000 or more per item. The purchase of capital must represent the lower cost option for the period during which the purchased asset would be used for COVID-response activities) (0, no capital costs required)

NONE

Purchased Services (consultants, legal, accounting services, logistical partner costs, technology enhancements, computer software licensing/agreements)

Accounting (\$1,000/month for 20 hours per month in bookkeeping and accounting in order to archive the purchases and coordination of this expansion grant program and the newly surfaced needs due to COVID = \$ 4,000)

Technology Consultant contract –(\$3,000 to update the food service delivery grid due to new delivery routes because of COVID and to make sure all IT issues for program coordination are handled. The volunteers need to meet via ZOOM conferencing.)

Technology software –(\$1,000, \$400 for ZOOM annual contract + \$600 for software updates with Microsoft and Adobe in order to communicate with all LPOs through video conferencing and shared documents to diminish face to face collaborative meetings due to COVID.)

Communications, Weekly Reporting Support – (\$2,000 to pay a communications specialist about 5 hours per week in order to report on grant program activity and to update website and social media platforms to get the word out about the program.)

TOTAL= \$10,000

Administration (pre-approved federal indirect cost, de minimus rate of 10%, or none) This costs usually refers to administration, personnel not directly related to the project (i.e. small

percentage of Director of Finance time allocation cost), or overhead expenses. If your organization has a pre-established percentage rate from a Federal/State/Local grant you may use this rate. However, you must verify the rate via documentation from the funding source. If you do not have an established percentage rate for De Minimis Cost, please use 10% as the established percentage rate.

\$6,300 = 10% of grant proposal total

TOTAL REQUEST = \$63,958

List of Logistical Partner Organizations (LPOs) For Gathering of Women (GOW)

- 1.) MayMay & Kates's Rescue Angels - coordination and collaboration of food services to low-income families
- 2.) Dabs Community Service -train volunteers on the understanding of their primary functions and motivation
- 3.) Golden Generations-Elder share opportunities
- 4.) UF/IFAS Ext. Family Nutrition program-provides a focus on health & wellness for the families and seniors
- 5.) Lunch Pals -mentoring children to reach their full potential
- 6.) Dos Crescent Foundation-providing scholarship opportunities to youth in Pinellas county
- 7.) Bartlett Park Community Gardens -providing residents a chance to grow their own food
- 8.) St. Joseph Catholic Church-connecting youth & families to grow & cook their food
- 9.) Top Ladies of Distinction-inclusive working together to assist students to succeed
- 10.) North Community Library-collaborative literacy program
- 11.) Adoption Advocate -team approach supportive services to advocate for families
- 12.) CRA Counseling & Consulting Agency- committed to providing care in crisis
- 13.) First Baptist Inst. Church-creating influential youth programs that involve strategy and planning
- 14.) The City of St. Petersburg- My Brother's Keeper -engaging youth in performance arts program

Here is the list with contact information:

The Gathering of Women Inc. List of Partner Organizations for 2020

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