

# COVID Recovery Fund (CRF)

## Local Cost Considerations

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The following information is numbered to facilitate questions.

1. Each entity has a CRF allocation, so there is no immediate rush to submit expenses.
2. Costs must be paid between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. December 1, 2020 is a likely cut off for reimbursement submissions. Reimbursement requests may be submitted on a regular basis.
3. Federal guidance **presumes** that public health and safety employees are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19 and thus their **payroll expenses** (salary and benefits) are eligible for reimbursement, unless the expenses have been paid from another federal grant or are being used to match a federal grant.
4. The terms “Public Health and Public Safety” include:
  - Public health employees
  - Emergency management employees
  - Police department employees
  - Sheriff’s department employees
5. Ambulance and Fire Department personnel are not eligible for expense reimbursement **unless** they have clearly documented COVID related activities.
6. Jail personnel and correction officers are **not** eligible **unless** they have clearly documentable COVID-19 preparatory or response work.
7. Eligible expenses must not be accounted for in the most recent budget, adopted as of March 27, 2020, with the exception of the Public Health and Public Safety costs.
8. Eligible expenses, with the exception of the Public Safety and Public Health situations, must have a documented connection to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
9. Cost documentation will be reviewed by an auditing firm as part of the approval process.
10. Costs cannot be reimbursed on behalf of a third party.
11. Some technology expenses may include devices for board members, but seek guidance for clarification.
12. Bid laws will need to be followed, per state statutes.

Please call District III for guidance on costs and/or the reimbursement process.