

Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery

NEW HAMPSHIRE NONPROFIT EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY FUND PROGRAM

Program Overview

Details regarding the Nonprofit Emergency Relief and Recovery Fund are being finalized.



This document is intended for general guidance as of May 15, 2020. It is anticipated that specific guidance for nonprofit organizations interested in submitting applications will be available by June 5, 2020. Please check this website periodically.

The Nonprofit Relief and Recovery Fund will be administered through a partnership of the [New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits](#), the [New Hampshire Charitable Foundation](#), and the [Community Development Finance Authority](#). Through an inclusive application process, grants will enable nonprofit organizations with a wide variety of missions to continue to serve tens of thousands of New Hampshire residents who have been impacted by the coronavirus epidemic. Grants will help address lost revenues allowing nonprofits to retain key staff, and/or cover the direct expenses of delivering services to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 crisis, so critical organizations are able to serve New Hampshire through and after the crisis. This program will not be operated on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are three purposes of the program:

Purpose 1: Support individual nonprofit organizations that mitigate the critical public health and economic impacts of the crisis on residents who rely on nonprofits for critical services, including to reimburse the costs of business interruptions caused by required closures, and sustain their ability to contribute to the state's recovery from the impacts of the coronavirus outbreak.

Eligible applicants will include but not be limited to human service organizations, especially those not receiving significant support from direct GOFERR allocations or other CARES Act funds.

Purpose 2: Support individual nonprofit organizations that contribute to economic, cultural, and civic vitality to reimburse the costs of business interruptions caused by required closures, and sustain their ability to contribute to the state's recovery from the impacts of the coronavirus outbreak.

A partial list of eligible applicants will include but not be limited to arts organizations, nonprofit community development corporations, economic development organizations and technical assistance providers, organizations that provide safe outdoor places for people to recreate, community based organizations that deliver timely and sometimes life-saving information about COVID-19, and civic organizations that unite people across differences to find solutions.

Purpose 3: Support coalitions, networks, and collaboratives of nonprofits that maximize cooperation and impact, and also speed the state's distribution of funds to meet urgent needs.

The program will not make grants to nonprofit hospitals, colleges and universities, and other organizations that will have access to other GOFERR programs. See for example the [Healthcare System Relief Fund](#) and [NH Childcare Relief](#). For organizations that provide multiple services, GOFERR can provide guidance on the most appropriate program.

This program is designed to:

1. Move funding to nonprofits in as streamlined a manner as possible.
2. Ensure access to all eligible organizations, regardless of size, and including a broad range of subsectors.
3. Stabilize organizations to enable them to retain staff and continue to meet their public benefit missions, including providing flexible funding to meet evolving needs, as allowable under the CARES Act.
4. Prioritize organizations serving vulnerable populations that have not had access to other federal or state COVID-19 related funding.
5. Emphasize transparency, integrity, and accountability in the process.

The three partner organizations will design a grant program in consultation with GOFERR and accept proposals from qualified nonprofit organizations. The Fund will be administered under criteria and rules to include compliance with state and federal law and rules. Please check this website periodically for additional information; the partners and GOFERR expect to post further information on the program by June 5, 2020.