

Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Aid Fact Sheet

Texas Received: \$11.24 billion

Texas Jurisdictions w/Direct U.S. Treasury Payments (Populations 500,000+): \$3.2 billion

Texas Jurisdictions (Not receiving direct U.S. Treasury Payments): \$1.85 billion

Background

- Under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) is to be used to make payments for specified uses to states and local governments.
- Total CRF funding allocated to the state of Texas is \$11.24 billion.
- The U.S. Treasury managed the initial distribution of these funds to states and jurisdictions with populations above 500,000.
 - Austin
 - Fort Worth
 - Bexar County
 - Harris County
 - Collin County
 - Hidalgo County
 - Dallas County
 - Houston
 - Dallas
 - Montgomery County
 - Denton County
 - San Antonio
 - El Paso County
 - Tarrant County
 - El Paso
 - Travis County
 - Fort Bend County
 - Williamson County

Funding Available for All Jurisdictions

What do I do if I am...?	
One of the 18 jurisdictions receiving funds direct from the U.S. Treasury?	Payments went direct to these 18 jurisdictions.
A jurisdiction that did not receive a direct payment from the U.S. Treasury but located in a county that DID receive a direct payment?	Please contact your county.
A jurisdiction that did not receive a direct payment from the U.S. Treasury and located in a county that DID NOT receive a direct payment?	The county judge or mayor must review, sign and submit the Terms and Conditions and certification documents below. The 20% payment will be processed as soon as this documentation is received.

Funds to Jurisdictions Outside of Jurisdictions of 500,000+

- Initially, each eligible jurisdiction will receive an immediate distribution of 20 percent (20%) of the allocations listed in this document. Documentation is required for this first 20%.
- The remainder of the allocation will be reimbursement based. Jurisdictions will submit documentation to TDEM and request reimbursement.
- Funding managed by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM)
- TDEM will manage through the Grants Management System (GMS)

How to Access These Funds

1. Go to the TDEM Website: [TDEM.TEXAS.GOV/CRF](https://tdem.texas.gov/crf)
2. Download Terms and Conditions Document
3. The county judge, mayor or city manager must review, approve and sign
4. Completed form is emailed to CRF@tdem.texas.gov or uploaded direct to the website
5. A completed direct deposit form from the grantee must be provided to TDEM prior to receiving any payments. The direct deposit form is currently available at <https://grants.tdem.texas.gov/>.

How Can These Funds be Used (LAW)

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.

Note: A cost is "incurred" when the responsible unit of government has expended funds to cover the cost.

Categories of Eligible Expenditures (GUIDANCE)

1. Medical expenses
2. Public health expenses
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.
5. Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.

6. Any other COVID-19 – related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the fund’s eligibility criteria.

The subrecipient agrees that a minimum of 75% of its allotment will be spent in the categories of medical expenses, public health expenses and payroll expenses for employees substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the public emergency. The remainder of the allotment may be spent in any of the categories provided within the Treasury guidance.

Prohibited Costs

- Funds may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute. Revenue replacement is not a permissible use of these grant funds. In accordance with Section 3.1 all record and expenditures are subject to review.
- Damages covered by insurance.
- Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Duplication of benefits including expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any other federal program.
- Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services.
- Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime.
- Severance pay.
- Legal settlements.

Other Key Information

Jurisdictional Cooperation

A municipality may yield any portion of its allocated funds to the county within which it exists or a county may yield any portion of its allocated funds to a municipality within its footprint for eligible expenses.

Property Management and Inventory

The grantee must ensure equipment purchased with grant funds is used for the purpose of the grant and as approved by TDEM. The grantee must develop and implement a control system to prevent loss, damage or theft of property and investigate and document any loss, damage or theft of property funded under this Grant.

Consulting Contracts

Pre-approval of costs related to consulting contracts is required and the value of consulting contracts entered into by the grantee may not exceed 5% of the total funds received by the local unit of government.