CARES Act Funding Guide for Counties

Use this easy guide to determine if certain expenses are eligible to use CARES Act funds.

We want to provide CARES Act funding for:

Is this a necessary expenditure incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

Was the expense incurred either to respond directly to the emergency such as public health or medical needs OR to respond to a second-order effect of the emergency, such as economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19?

Using reasonable judgement, was this expenditure necessary due to the COVID-19 public health emergency?

CARES Act funding should **not** be used for this expense.

Is this for a cost that was not accounted for in your most recent budget?

Is it accurate to say this cost cannot lawfully be funded using a line item, allotment, or allocation within that budget? OR is this cost for a substantially different use from any expected use of funds in such a line item, allotment, or allocation?

This expense is likely eligible for CARES Act funding.

Consult MMB and US Treasury guidance to ensure it meets additional funding requirements.

Was the expense incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 1, 2020?

**YES**

**NO**