Welcome to the Lehigh County COVID-10 Relief Non-Profit Block Grant Program Application

$5 million of Lehigh County COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant Program was designated by the Lehigh County Board of Commissioners for the Lehigh County COVID-19 Relief Non-Profit Grant program, administered by the County Administration in partnership with United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

Use this site to register, request and complete the required forms for the application. Please be ready to enter your organization’s contact information and EIN.

Program Overview

1. Once applications are received, Lehigh County Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) in partnership with United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley (UWGLV) will review and process applications.

2. Grant applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of Lehigh County Administration, Lehigh County Board of Commissioners members and UWGLV who will make recommendations to the Lehigh County Executive.

3. The County Executive will make final recommendations to Lehigh County Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners will consider each application for approval or denial.

4. Lehigh County will fund grants to approved non-profits.

5. Applicants must hold either 501(c)3 or 501(c)9 status with the IRS.

6. Applicants must verify compliance with Governor Wolf’s directives regarding COVID-19 safety precautions.

7. No matching funds are required.

8. All grant expenditures must be directly relate to COVID-19. Expenses can be charged from March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020. All COVID-19 grant funds MUST be spent by December 30, 2020.

9. Applicants must serve Lehigh County Residents.

10. Applicants must declare what other CARES funding has been received, though this will not preclude the organization from receiving funds from this distribution.

11. COVID-19 funds cannot replace a funding source.

12. The intent of this grant is to supply funds to as many projects as possible; therefore, awards may be subject to partial funding.

13. This overview and guidelines are subject to change as additional guidance regarding CARES Act funding is received by Lehigh County.

14. For questions about this overview and guidelines information please contact Carmen Bell at carmenb@unitedwayglv.org. For questions about the online application portal, e-Cimpact, please contact either Laura Savenelli at lauras@unitedwayglv.org or Tanya Engler at tanyaengler@hotmail.com.
General Guidelines for Non-Profits

- Funding priorities include, but are not limited to services to Lehigh County residents that:
  - Provide assistance for food access (grocery shopping resources, pantry resources or other meal delivery services.)
  - Reduce social isolation for all ages through virtual programming, resources to provide connectivity and equipment, and training to build skills.
  - Provide assistance to bridge the digital divide in grades PreK-12 through training, connectivity and equipment.
  - Provide resources to assist with added maintenance requirements brought on by COVID19, such as additional PPE, sanitizing and disinfecting requirements in order to operate safely and in accordance with mandated guidelines.
  - Provides assistance to create an environment that can be safely experienced by Lehigh County residents due to requirements brought on by COVID19, i.e. social distancing, masks, etc.
  - Provide resources to people experiencing homelessness or supporting housing and homeless prevention.
  - Provide positive youth development, social emotional and mentoring services, support at home learning materials and virtual tutorials, purchase of curriculum for in person or online digital platforms with summer learning. These services can be provided either virtually or in person.
- Must report on number served and how served, and the impact on the community. Must identify the community need and how the service will mitigate that need. Must provide non aggregated data that clearly identifies the demographics of those served.

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