

COVID-19 Crisis Grant Frequently Asked Questions

Q: If my company merged after being awarded a 19-20 grant, should I submit 1 application for the COVID-19 Crisis grant?

A: No. If you submitted individual applications for the 19-20 FCEMS grant, you should submit individual applications for the COVID-19 Crisis grant.

Q: Why am I only seeing \$1 for the budget amount?

A: This is a default amount for all grant applications. Companies who **were** awarded a 19-20 FCEMS grant and register for the COVID-19 Crisis grant will receive at least the amount of their 19-20 FCEMS grant award.

Companies who **were not** awarded a 19-20 FCEMS grant and register for the COVID-19 Crisis grant will receive a grant based on the surplus amount and the total number of registrations.

Q: What dates does the COVID-19 Crisis grant cover?

A: The COVID-19 Crisis grant funds can be used for eligible expenses incurred during the period of March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020.

Q: I'm having issues navigating the website to get my Keystone ID, DUNS, Vendor, FEIN or Zip code numbers.

A: Please select the "help" link on the website to get assistance from the agency.

Q: Is debt reduction on a loan eligible for the COVID-19 Crisis grant?

A: NO. Debt reduction is an **ineligible expense**.

Q: What expenses are eligible?

*****BELOW ARE CATEGORIES OF ELIGIBLE EXPENSES; HOWEVER, THE SUBRECIPIENT MUST PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION IN ITS FINAL REPORT THAT SHOWS THE SERVICES WERE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES INCURRED DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO COVID-19.*****

The allowable categories are:

- a. Utilities
- b. Insurance
- c. Apparatus Repairs/Fuel
- d. COVID-19 related items
- e. Personal Protective Equipment
- f. Career Fire Departments ONLY – overtime costs during the Covid19 Emergency

Emergency vehicles, hoses, radios, and turnout gear are eligible purchases, but see above related to necessary expenditures.

Work done to your apparatus bays are eligible.

Q: Are all insurances such as building insurance, vehicle insurance, E & O insurance, portable equipment insurance, accident and sickness insurance eligible? Does it matter if some insurance costs are paid for by the municipality?

A: Insurances are covered if they were paid by the Fire or EMS company and NOT by the municipality or other entity.

Q: Does PPE include turn out gear or does this mean protection specifically for COVID-19?

A: Turn out gear is an eligible expense IF it was a necessary expenditure incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19.

Q: If my municipality has already applied for CARES Act Funds on behalf of the fire department can I still apply for this grant?

A: Yes, but this grant cannot be used to supplant funds/projects/services that have been received from another CARES ACT grant.

