

# COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) PLANS

A total of 119 counties who were eligible for CRF funding applied and received payments. Common allocations categories include:

- Sub-allocations to municipalities
- Small business/nonprofit support
- Employee wages (hazard pay, overtime pay, redirected staff, etc.)
- Workforce development
- Public health/safety
- Rent/mortgage and utilities assistance
- Broadband/telecommunications
- Elections and Census operations

# **COUNTY CRF PLANS: ALLOCATION TO SMALLER MUNICIPALITIES**

#### Passaic County, New Jersey

**CRF allocation:** \$87,564,767

**County CRF Plan Overview:** Passaic County announced that it will appropriate a portion of its CRF payment to its 16 municipalities, based on population, by way of a reimbursable grant, to offset eligible expenses in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders will appropriate the funds. For more information, <u>click here</u> (pg. 55-57).

#### Adams County, Colorado

CRF allocation: \$90,285,974

**County CRF Plan Overview: Adams County adopted a new formula to distribute CRF funds to municipalities within the county's boundaries that did not qualify for direct funding.** The formula is a function of city/town population out of the 45 percent "pass down" of total county funds to units of local government. In total, the county allocated \$32,912,583 million, or 45 percent of its total CRF funding to cities. For more information, click here.

#### Anne Arundel County, Maryland

Population: 579,234 CRF allocation: \$101,071,866

**County CRF Plan Overview:** Anne Arundel County has finalized a grant agreement to provide the city of Annapolis with \$4.25 million of the county's \$101 million CRF payment. The distribution was determined by population and the percentage of services provided to city residents by the county, such as health and education. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

## Monmouth County, New Jersey Population: 618,795 CRF allocation: \$107,974,955

**County CRF Plan Overview:** Monmouth County established the Monmouth County Municipal Coronavirus Relief Fund Program to help administer funds to municipalities that did not receive direct CRF payments. The County Administrator will operate the new program and will enter into one or more agreements with any municipality that receives funds/reimbursements from Monmouth County. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

## Arapahoe County, Colorado

# Population: 656,590

#### **CRF allocation:** \$114,569,892

**County CRF Plan Overview:** Arapahoe County established a new Grant Fund to help allocate CRF payments to the 13 municipalities within the county's boundaries that did not receive direct CRF allocations. Under the program, cities would receive 45 percent of Arapahoe County's total CRF funds and allocations will be calculated by population. The Board of County Commissioners has also requested that a "set-aside" be established for additional, qualified needs for communities beyond their allocation, focusing on smaller communities, commuter and vulnerable populations. For the county's intergovernmental agreement, <u>click here</u>.

# **COUNTY CRF PLANS: NONPROFIT SUPPORT**

## Fairfax County, Va.

## **CRF allocation:** 200,251,000

**County CRF Plan Overview:** Fairfax County allocated between \$10 million - \$30 million towards a new Small Business and Non-Profit Relief Grant Program that will help small businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19. Administered by the County Executive, the primary purpose of the grant Program is to support eligible small businesses, including non-safety net nonprofit organizations in the county, through grants to address costs of business interruptions caused by required closures. The Grant Program has three major desired outcomes including help businesses and organizations remain open through the COVID-19 pandemic, address gaps that may exist among complementary programs at the county, state and federal level (i.e. food stamps, unemployment assistance, etc.), provide targeted assistance to small businesses that would other historically are less likely to be approved for federal support (i.e. minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned). Awards will be made through random drawing. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

## Jefferson County, Colo.

## **CRF Allocation:**

**County CRF Plan Overview:** Jefferson County allocated \$5 million towards a newly established CARES Act Emergency Grant Funding program to support small businesses and nonprofits impacted by COVID-19. The allocation amount will be based number of applicants, availability of funds and demonstrated needs. In the nonprofit application, it requests that nonprofits request a certain allocation amount and describe how funds will be used. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

## Washington County, Ore.

## **CRF Allocation:** \$104,660,475

**County CRF Plan Overview:** Washington County created a COVID-19 working group to identify ways that CRF payments may be best. As part of the county's CRF allocation, it provided \$8 million to support community-

based organizations (CBOs) and nonprofits. Aware of the critical role CBOs and nonprofits have in the response to COVID-19, such as creating public education campaigns and taking the lead in testing and community support, funds will be used to cover staffing and facility related costs. Additionally, the county will allow funds to be used by CBOs and nonprofits to complete needs assessments as they look ahead to what it will take to serve their clients post COVID-19. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

### Cobb County, Ga.

#### **CRF allocation:** \$132,638,742

**County CRF Plan Overview:** Cobb County allocated a portion of its CRF payment to two programs – food procurement and hazard pay. Under the food procurement proposal, Cobb County is allocating emergency funding for food procurement, storage and distribution being provided by nonprofit organizations within the community in response to COVID-19. The county awards grants to <u>over 30 nonprofit organizations</u> that will provide nutrition assistance to the county's residents. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

### **Gwinnett County, Georgia**

### **CRF allocation:** \$163,368,000

**County CRF Plan Overview:** Gwinnett County allocated \$6.14 million of its CRF allocation to the newly established COVID-19 Grant Funding Opportunity. The county is encouraging nonprofit organizations to apply that have traditionally addressed critical needs within the community such as emergency food assistance, house and emergency shelter, child care, transportation and health care services. The county is partnering with the Community Foundation of Northeast Georgia who has traditionally worked with many of Gwinnett County's nonprofits and will distribute grants to these organizations. Additionally, to help track funding distributions, the county is contracting with <u>WFN Consulting</u>. For Gwinnett County's nonprofit grant opportunities toolkit, <u>click here</u>. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

# **COUNTY CRF PLANS: SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT**

#### Fresno County, Calif.

#### **CRF allocation:** \$81,579,507

**CRF Plan Overview:** Fresno County created allocated \$5 million of its CRF payment to a new small business grant program, Helping Underserved Businesses Grant Program, which will award grants to small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Under the program, businesses could apply for up to \$5,000 to support their business to pay employee salaries, rent, utilities or essential supplements. The program will be administered by Access Plus Capital, a nonprofit business lender, and Fresno County's Economic Development Council (EDC), will help assist in reviewing the applications. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

#### Kent County, Michigan

#### CRF allocation: \$114,633,581

**CRF Plan Overview:** Kent County allocated \$30 million of the county's CRF payment to be used for a new <u>Kent</u> <u>County Small Business Recovery Fund</u> to support for-profit businesses with 25 or less full-time employees in Kent County. Qualified businesses will receive short-term economic relief grants based on the size of business and operating costs. Technical assistance and six-months cash flow projections/analysis will also be provided to these small businesses. The funds will be administered by the Grand Rapids Chamber.

#### Kern County, California

#### CRF allocation: \$157,078,307

**CRF Plan Overview:** Kern County has a major focus on supporting small businesses impacted by COVID-19, and has allocated \$25 million of its CRF funding. The county established the Kern Small Business Support Program,

which is a coordinated effort with local business lenders. The partnership between the county and four lenders, to provide forgivable loan in an amount up to four months of average payroll or \$75,000 to Kern County's local small businesses having less than 50 employees and \$5 million in annual revenues. Unlike the federal PPP, Kern County's program has added flexibility that will aid businesses during various phases of economic reopening. Kern County is unique is that it is working with local lenders/banks to distribute CRF funds and support.

## Volusia County, Florida

### **CRF allocation:** \$96,543,792

**CRF Plan Overview:** Volusia County established a new COVID-19 Fund, which allocated up to \$10 million in CRF funds to implement the Relaunch Volusia: Small Business Reopening Grant Program. The program will make direct grants of up to \$3,000 to qualifying small businesses (no more than 25 full-time employees). For more information, <u>click here</u>.

### **DuPage County, Illinois**

## **CRF allocation:** \$161,042,598

**CRF Plan Overview:** DuPage County launched Reinvest DuPage, a grant relief program developed in partnership with Choose DuPage, a regional economic development organization, for small businesses and independent contractors impacted by COVID-19. DuPage will fund the program with \$7 million in monies received under the CARES Act, and Choose DuPage will administer the loan with support from DuPage County and local banking and financial experts. The program will provide grants of up to \$15,000 for DuPage County-based businesses with fewer than 15 full-time employees and less than \$1.5 million in annual revenues. Monies received under the program may be used for payroll, rent, mortgage payments, utilities, and other expenses necessary to maintain operations. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

#### **Orange County, California**

## CRF allocation: \$554,133,764

**Plan Overview:** On May 26th, Orange County allocated \$75 million equally between five supervisorial districts for economic support initiatives. These supervisorial districts can use its sub-allocation of the county's CRF payment to fund business recovery programs, small business grants and/or loans administered in conjunction with a commercial lending institution. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

#### Miami-Dade County, Florida

#### CRF allocation: \$474,085,078

**CRF Plan Overview:** Miami-Dade County allocated \$25 million towards a newly established small business support program, the RISE Miami-Dade Fund. The revolving loan program will also seek private dollars with the objective of accumulating more than \$50 million. The Citi Foundation, the community foundation for CitiBank, has agreed to become the first corporate supporter to the RISE Fund. Additionally, the Dade County Federal Credit Union will administer the RISE Fund, with loans originating at local community development financial institutions (CDFIs). For more information, <u>click here</u>.

#### **Bucks County, Pennsylvania**

## **CRF allocation:** \$109,628,270

**CRF Plan Overview:** As part of its CRF allocation, Bucks County established the Bucks Back to Work Small Business Program. The program, funded at \$6 million, will provide a loan up to \$25,000 (or 25 percent of annual operating expenses) to businesses with fewer than 50 full-time employees and less than \$700,000 in gross annual revenue. Under the program, funds can be used for payroll expenses, rent/mortgage assistance,

supplies and other operating expenses. If a business would like to apply for a loan, the application fee is \$150. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

# **COUNTY CRF PLANS: HOUSING/RENTAL ASSISTANCE**

#### Brevard County, Florida

**Population**: 601,942 **CRF allocation:** \$105,034,237

**County CRF Plan Overview:** Of the county's total CRF allocation, Brevard County will provide \$4.4 million of that money for a rental and mortgage assistance program, a utility and security deposit program and a food stability program. For the housing aid program, the maximum assistance for applicants will be for up to three months of housing costs — totaling as much as \$7,200. Payments will be made directly to the mortgage company, apartment rental company or landlord, rather than directly to the applicant. Additionally, Brevard County approved eligibility requirements for applicants. Under the plan, to be eligible for assistance, the applicant must be a resident of Brevard County, have income that does not exceed 140 percent of area median income, demonstrate an impact from COVID-19, have a loss of at least 25 percent of their income, among other requirements. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

#### Snohomish County, Washington

Population: 822,083

CRF allocation: \$143,447,144

**County CRF Plan Overview: Snohomish County will provide** \$10 million in CARES funding for human and social services and housing. These services include housing homeless people and other vulnerable individuals during the crisis, providing rental assistance, establishing sanitation facilities and expanding resources available to survivors of domestic violence and those with behavioral health issues. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

#### Ventura County, California

Population: 850,967 CRF allocation: \$147,621,523

**County CRF Plan Overview:** Ventura County allocated \$10 million towards a new Pandemic Rental Assistance Program, which aims to help reduce the amount of tenants' back-owed rent, while assisting landlords. To be eligible for the program, Ventura county residents must demonstrate that their income was impacted by COVID-19 (i.e. loss of employment, reduced hours, etc.), make less than 80 percent of the area median income, with priority given to those with an annual, household income that is less than 50 percent of the area median income. The program will provide two rounds of funding with each totaling \$5 million. The grants will cover up to two months of owed rent, with the amount based on unit size. Studio and one-bedroom apartments will receive \$1,500 per month, while two-bedroom apartments or larger will receive \$2,500 per month. If there are more eligible applicants than the funding can support, a lottery system will be used to select applicants. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

#### **Collin County, Texas**

## **CRF allocation:** \$171,453,156

**County CRF Plan Overview:** Collin County allocated \$30 million of its CRF payment for a new Collin Cares Assistance Program to providing support for county residents to cover housing co, utility and utility costs as well as nutrition assistance. To be eligible for the program, a household must demonstrate they have been directly financially impacted by COVID-19, be a resident of Collin County, among other requirements. The program will provide up to three months of assistance totaling up to \$2,500 per month. However, depending

on funding availability, if family income has not increased and assistance is till required, applicants may return after September 1, 2020 for one moth of additional assistance. For more information, <u>click here</u>.