

**Grant Opportunities for COVID19 Response for Cheshire County Municipalities**

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***This is a thorough list, though not a comprehensive list of grant opportunities vetted for Cheshire County municipalities, small businesses, and nonprofits. New opportunities are continuously releasing and this list will be updated as often as possible.***

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## FEDERAL PASS THROUGH NEW HAMPSHIRE

### **GOFERR-Municipal & County Payments (federal pass through the U.S. Treasury Coronavirus Relief Fund, aka CARES Act, to State of NH)**

- Grant amount varies by town; see payment info link below with no match
- 6-month term 3/1/20–8/31/20 (possible extension, federal term 3/1/20–12/30/20)
- Due date 6/1/20
- Eligible expenses: COVID-19-related expenses not covered by another source, including, economic support for employment related losses and business interruptions. Examples: welfare, food, shelters, utilities, telework costs, wages/benefits covered under Families First Coronavirus Response Act for non-first responders, childcare for first responders and essential employees due to school closures, cleaning, signage, PPE, hazard pay or overtime directly related to coronavirus response, caring for the homeless to mitigate the spread, grant programs to individuals to prevent homelessness, emergency financial assistance to individuals and families directly impacted by loss of income, grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption
- Ineligible expenses: lost revenue, law enforcement, match to federal grants, any cost covered by another grant or funding source
- Acceptance of funds requires compliance with RSA 31:95-b or RSA 21-P:43 (public hearing with 7 days' notice or explain exception)
  - <https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/I/21-P/21-P-43.htm>
  - <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/III/31/31-95-b.htm>
- General Info: <https://www.goferr.nh.gov/>
- Contact: [municipalities@goferr.nh.gov](mailto:municipalities@goferr.nh.gov)
- Counties & Towns Payment Info: <https://www.goferr.nh.gov/covid-expenditures/municipal-county-payments>; Allocations by Town:
  - Alstead \$46,457
  - Chesterfield \$87,275
  - Dublin \$37,397
  - Fitzwilliam \$57,098
  - Gilsum \$19,560
  - Harrisville \$22,745
  - Hinsdale \$95,934
  - Jaffrey \$128,282
  - Keene \$552,034
  - Marlborough \$50,751
  - Marlow \$17,648
  - Nelson \$17,365
  - Richmond \$27,700
  - Rindge \$147,086
  - Roxbury \$5,356
  - Stoddard \$30,106
  - Sullivan \$16,445
  - Surry \$17,790
  - Swanzey \$174,668
  - Troy \$50,562
  - Walpole \$91,428
  - Westmoreland \$41,290
  - Winchester \$102,729

### **Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (DOJ-BJA federal pass through NH DOJ)**

- Grant amount unspecified (total funds available \$3,422,400) with no match
- 2-year term beginning 1/20/20
- Due date unspecified
- Eligible expenses: Costs related to law enforcement and first responders ability to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, such as overtime, personal protective equipment, hiring, supplies, training, travel.

- Ineligible expenses: Costs included in a general operating budget (no supplanting)
- <https://www.doj.nh.gov/grants-management/funding-availability.htm#covid>
- Contact Thomas Kaempfer at 603-271-8090 or [Thomas.Kaempfer@doj.nh.gov](mailto:Thomas.Kaempfer@doj.nh.gov)

### **FEMA Public Assistance Program (federal pass through NH DOS HSEM)**

- *Note that Emergency Protective Measures funding for COVID response is included within the Public Assistance Program; there is no separate funding opportunity for Emergency Protective Measures.*
- \$3,300 - \$131,100 (projects over \$131,100 require special approval)
- 25% match of total project costs from a non-federal source or GOFERR (match for alternate care sites to be paid by NH DOS)
- 6-month project periods beginning 1/20/20 and ending before 12/31/20 (extensions possible)
- Applications open until disaster is over or until further notice or until funds run out
- Eligible expenses: Any work or project required specifically and directly because of coronavirus, including protective and preventative measures, emergency medical care (alternate care sites, diagnostic supplies, ventilators, medical transport, prescriptions), threat control (decontamination systems, PPE, testing, disinfecting facilities), temporary lodging for healthcare workers, first responders, and to isolate/quarantine high-risk populations, information dissemination, training, overtime for essential employees employed before Jan 20.
- Ineligible expenses: telework supplies, lost revenue, child care for essential employees, and any expenses reimbursed under another source, such as Medicaid/Medicare, private insurance, general funds, or another grant
- [https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page\\_id=8237](https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=8237)
- Contact Elizabeth Gilboy, Field Representative, NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management, [elizabeth.gilboy@dos.nh.gov](mailto:elizabeth.gilboy@dos.nh.gov), 603-223-3668 (office), 603-892-8129 (cell)

### **CDBG-CV (additional CARES Act funds HUD federal pass through to NH CDFA)**

- Up to \$500,000
- Generally 50% match required, depends on project; no match for direct public services
- Term: Up to 2 years, depends on project
- Due date 8/17/20
- Eligible expenses: Project costs related to improving economic opportunities and meeting community revitalization needs, particularly for persons of low and moderate income. Highlights of priority projects include economic development, housing construction or rehab, energy efficiency improvement, senior centers, disabilities facilities, homeless facilities, youth centers, childcare centers, health facilities. Examples of other eligible expenses include job training, recreation programs, education programs, public safety services, services for seniors or homeless, legal counseling
- Ineligible expenses: final architectural and engineering designs, municipal master plans, political activities, non-emergency payments to individuals
- <https://nhcdfa.org/cdbg-and-cdbg-cv-care-act-update-april-2020/>
- <https://resources.nhcdfa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/CDFA-CDBG-Application-and-Program-Guide-FY20-and-CDBG-CV-PH.pdf>

- Application writing workshop 6/29/20
- Contact Community Development Finance Authority at 603-226-2170 or Katherine Easterly Martey, Executive Director, [keasterly@nhcdfa.org](mailto:keasterly@nhcdfa.org) or Shelley Hadfield, Director of Housing and Community Development [shadfield@nhcdfa.org](mailto:shadfield@nhcdfa.org)

### **Emergency Management Performance Grant “EMPG” (Homeland Security federal pass through NH DOS)**

- Up to \$50,000 (possibly more depending on project priority) with 1:1 match
- 3-year term, usually beginning October 1
- Rolling application deadline
- Eligible expenses: development of emergency operating plans, emergency operating centers, backup power for emergency centers or primary shelters, water/sewer treatment facilities, and critical communication structures, active threat training, emergency communication equipment, portable electronic sign boards (up to \$15k), emergency management equipment trailers (up to \$10k.), tablets for emergency vehicles
- Ineligible expenses: general administrative projects, fixed emergency electronic sign boards, mobile data terminals for everyday use, radios for everyday use, weapons or ammunition, emergency response vehicles, construction, unmanned aircraft systems, cybersecurity, internet upgrades
- [https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page\\_id=419](https://prd.blogs.nh.gov/dos/hsem/?page_id=419)
- Contact EMPG coordinator at 603-271-2231 or [nhempgprogram@dos.nh.gov](mailto:nhempgprogram@dos.nh.gov)

### **Education Stabilization Fund Program Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (DOE federal pass through NH DOE)**

- Amount varies, automatically allocated through NH State Grant Management System
- Match unspecified
- Term unspecified
- Due date unspecified
- Eligible expenses: for schools, including non-public schools, cost associated with addressing the impact of the pandemic, coordination of response efforts, addressing unique needs of low-income children, systems to improve preparedness, training and professional development, supplies, sanitizing, planning and coordination for long-term closures, mental health services, activities related to summer learning, education technology
- General info: <https://www.education.nh.gov/news/nh-seeks-37-million-federal-education-grants>
- Program details: <https://www.education.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt326/files/inline-documents/2020-04/nh-esserf-certification.pdf>
- Contact Frank Edelblut, Commissioners of Education, 603-271-3144, [frank.edelblut@doe.nh.gov](mailto:frank.edelblut@doe.nh.gov)

## DIRECT FROM FEDERAL

### **Economic Development Administration Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance**

- \$100,000 to \$30,000,000
- 20-50% match depending on unemployment rate or per capita income (likely 40-50% for Cheshire County municipalities)
- 1- to 3-year terms depending on project type
- Deadline: open until all funds expired (\$1.5 billion in CARES act funds)
- The EAA program provides a wide range of technical, planning, and public works and infrastructure assistance in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. These adverse economic impacts may result from a steep decline in manufacturing employment following a plant closure, changing trade patterns, catastrophic natural disaster, a military base closure, or environmental changes and regulations.
- Eligible Expenses: Development/update to Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or implementation of CEDS activities (including infrastructure improvements, site acquisition, construction, rehabilitation)
- <https://www.eda.gov/coronavirus/>
- <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=321695>

## PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS

### **NEA Foundation COVID-19 Response Learning & Leadership Grants**

- \$2,000 to \$5,000
- Match unspecified
- Term begins 9/1/20 to unspecified
- Due Date 7/15/20
- Eligible expenses: Costs associated with supporting educational needs to adapt to new challenges experienced due to the impact of the pandemic, including social and emotional needs of educators, students, and their families, learning new pedagogy, adapting curricula, addressing students' learning loss, educational enrichment, engagement with families and communities; focus on equity and opportunity gaps
- Ineligible expenses: unspecified
- <https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/covid-rapid-response-grants/covid-response-learning-leadership-grants/>

### **New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Community Crisis Action Fund**

- Unspecified amount, no match
- Immediate unrestricted grants for nonprofits working on the front lines providing food to children and seniors, homeless sheltering, transportation
- <https://www.nhcf.org/about-us/community-crisis-action-action-fund/>
- Contact Anne Phillips, Director of Grantmaking and Senior Program Officer, at [anne.phillips@nhcf.org](mailto:anne.phillips@nhcf.org) or 603-225-6641 x232

## SMALL BUSINESSES

### **Main Street Relief Fund (via CARES Act through GOFERR)**

- \$400 million in emergency funding allocated to small businesses
- Unspecified individual amount, match, and other terms; to be announced on June 1 and will be based on number and context of applications received
- Rolling deadline
- <https://www.goferr.nh.gov/covid-expenditures/main-street-relief-fund>

### **Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance Loans**

- 3.75% interest rate for businesses and 2.75% for nonprofits
- 30-year repayment term
- <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19>

### **Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program**

- Provides incentive for businesses to keep workers employed during the crisis
- 1% interest and 2-year term loans to be forgiven if employees are kept on payroll for 8 weeks and the money is used for payroll (75% minimum for payroll), rent, mortgage interest, or utilities
- <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program>

### **Verizon Small Business Recovery Fund**

- Up to \$10,000 to businesses facing immediate financial pressure, focus on entrepreneurs of color, women-owned businesses and other enterprises in historically underserved communities who don't have access to flexible, affordable capital
- Funds can be used to pay rent, utilities, payroll, debt, operating costs
- <https://www.lisc.org/covid-19/small-business-assistance/small-business-relief-grants/verizon-small-business-recovery-fund/>

### **Go Fund Me Small Business Relief Fund**

- \$500 matching grants
- <https://www.gofundme.com/f/smallbusinessrelieffund>