

MONROE COUNTY POLICY FOR COUNTY SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS, NOT FOR PROFITS, AND GOVERNMENT UNITS IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THE FEDERAL CARES FUNDING

Purpose: The purpose of this Policy is to provide for additional Monroe County (“County”) based assistance to local business and not for profits (collectively “entities”), and certain governmental units (“units”) for COVID 19 non payroll expenses, essentially extending the CARES ACT funding program for the County. Setting a cap for reimbursements for local business and not for profits of \$30,000 in total combined CARES grant reimbursements and reimbursements through this program.

Background: Monroe County Council was allocated \$4,776,543 in CARES Act funding. As part of the local response, the County Commissioners allowed business to apply for non-payroll COVID related eligible expenses that would be reimbursed through the CARES ACT funding. The CARES act funding application deadline with the County expired on November 30, 2020. However, the COVID-19 pandemic is still effecting local entities, and all indications is that will continue into the future. The Monroe County Council has appropriated funding that can be used for these purposes in 2020. The Commissioners have expressed that they intend to seek a renewal of that appropriation in 2021. **This support is directly related to the effect of the COVID-19 Health Emergency.**

Review and Approval Process: The County will institute a grant reimbursement project for local entities and units (excluding the local government units, City of Bloomington, Town of Ellettsville, and Town of Stinesville, who received a CARES Act allocation through the Indiana Finance Authority) which have incurred non payroll COVID related expenses that would have been eligible for reimbursement under the CARES Act. The time for expense and application would not need to meet the CARES Act requirements. The entity will complete an application which can be found on the County website and comply with any other request for information, as required by the County.

County staff and contractor(s) will review the application for appropriateness and completeness and may ask for additional documentation as appropriate. Once reviewed the staff shall forward those applications that meet the above criteria to the County Commissioners for review. **No funding to any entity shall exceed \$30,000 in total combined CARES grant reimbursements and reimbursements through this program.**

The County Commissioners may only approve reimbursements if adequate appropriations exist in (1000-36999-0069) COVID-19 Emergency Response. If additional funding is appropriated after a request has been denied, the Commissioners shall reconsider that request.

Any entity whose application is denied, may make a written request for review of the application. Upon receipt of the request, the request shall be reexamined by staff and forwarded to the Commissioners with a written determination, such determination shall include an explanation.

Commissioners of Monroe County, Indiana

Approved by:

Julie Thomas, President

Lee Jones, Vice President

Penny Githens

ATTEST: Passed on _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Catherine Smith, Monroe County Auditor