

McKean County FAQs – General Questions:

1. **Who is eligible to receive funding from McKean County Business/Tourism Application?** You must be a Small Business (under 100 employees) or Tourism Business or related entity (of any size).
2. **How will the determination be made for funding allocations of McKean County CARES?** All applications will be reviewed for completeness and accuracy by fiscal staff or established review committees. McKean County is a governmental body subject to the Pennsylvania Right to Know. Information you submit to McKean County in the application may be subject to the Act and, therefore, subject to public release. Award amounts will be at the discretion of McKean County Commissioners based on available funding.
3. **When can I apply for these grants?** The Application for Business Phase I and II and the Municipalities will be available on August 14, 2020 and the deadline for submission is September 4, 2020. The application for non-profit and behavioral health and substance disorder services will be available on September 4, 2020. If funds remain there will be a Business Phase III application opportunity in November.
4. **How long is the application review process?** The county anticipates it will take 2-3 weeks from the application deadline date until applicants receive the approved funding. Checks will be mailed no later than October 2, 2020
5. **I am a business with more than 100 employees, can I apply?** No. A business must have fewer than 100 employees. Tourism business/entities of all sizes may apply, including County Fairs.
6. **Can I apply for more than one of the programs?** You may apply to all the programs for which you meet the eligibility criteria.
7. **Is there anyone I can contact if I have questions about completing my application?** Email questions to MCCARES@mckeancountypa.org
8. **Are grants received taxable?** Please see IRS CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund frequently asked questions.
9. **What can the funds NOT be used for?** Funds cannot be used for payroll or revenue replacement.
10. **What can I use these funds to pay for?** Please see each individual grant application for more information.
11. **If my application is denied, can I reapply?** If your applications is denied and you met all eligibility criteria, it is most likely your application is not complete and you will be notified to submit the information for completion if funds remain.
12. **What if my business/organization was not operating before March of 2020?** Unfortunately, if your business/organization was not operating prior to the required date, your business/organization is not eligible for this grant. Other funding programs through the Federal or State Government may be available.
13. **Can owners/organizations not located in McKean County apply?** No. The owner must reside in McKean County and the business must be located in McKean County.
14. **Are home-based businesses eligible?** Yes. Please follow IRS guidelines for business use of home for calculating your business expense.
15. **Can my business/organization apply if we have received PPP, EIDL or other Covid-19 assistance?** Yes, however first priority is given to businesses/organizations that have not received other assistance. Any funds left after they are funded could go to previous grant funded allowable entities, businesses, or

non-profits. McKean County CARES grant amounts will take PPP, EIDL, and other funding into account. When reporting on expenditures of McKean County CARES grant funds, businesses and organizations should NOT include expenditures that were paid for with other grant funds.

16. **Are publicly traded businesses eligible?** No.
17. **I own more than one business with the same name, are all locations eligible?** No. Businesses with common ownership and/or common DBA will be treated as a single business.
18. **What if I am not eligible for this grant? Are there other funding programs available?** Regardless of whether your business/organization is, or is not eligible for this program, it may still qualify for other Federal or State funding programs assisting those impacted by the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, the virus linked to cause COVID-19.
19. **What documentation do I need to provide to prove that my business/organization is an existing business/organization?** The County needs to receive a recent Financial Statements or Tax Return.
20. **My business/organization has locations in McKean County and in other Counties. Do I qualify for the McKean County CARES grant program?** Yes, if your business meets the other criteria, you will qualify. Costs amounts used to calculate the grant amount should be only for those portions of the business that are located in McKean County.

BACKGROUND

- TITLE VI— CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND
 - Sec 601. Coronavirus Relief Fund
 - (d) Use of funds.—A State, Tribal government, and unit of local government shall use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover only those costs of the State, Tribal government, or unit of local government that—
 - “(1) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
 - “(2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the State or government; and
 - “(3) were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.