

# 1 Grant Agreement Requirements and Conditions

## 1.1 *Applicability of Grant Agreement and Provisions*

The Grant Agreement is subject to the additional terms, conditions, and requirements of other laws, rules, regulations and plans recited herein and is intended to be the full and complete expression of and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and all prior and contemporaneous understandings, agreements, promises, representations, terms and conditions, both oral and written, are superseded and replaced by this Grant Agreement.

Notwithstanding any expiration or termination of this Grant Agreement, the rights and obligations pertaining to the grant close-out, cooperation and provision of additional information, return of grant funds, audit rights, records retention, public information, and any other provision implying survivability shall remain in effect after the expiration or termination of this Grant Agreement.

## 1.2 *Legal Authority to Apply*

The grantee certifies that it possesses legal authority to apply for the grant. A resolution, motion or similar action has been or will be duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body, authorizing the filing of the application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative, or their designee of the organization to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

## 1.3 *Grant Acceptance*

The Notice of Subrecipient Grant Award remains an offer until the fully executed copy of this Grant Agreement is received by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

## 1.4 *Project Period*

Funding has been authorized for eligible expenditures incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. The specific performance period for this grant is listed on the Notice of Subrecipient Grant Award. All expenditures must be incurred, and all services must be received within the performance period. TDEM will not be obligated to reimburse expenses incurred after the performance period. A cost is incurred when the responsible unit of government has expended funds to cover the cost.

## 1.5 *General Responsibility*

Per the CARES Act, CRF grant funds may only be used to cover expenses 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 March 27, 2020 for the state or government; and
3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.

The US Department of Treasury (Treasury) provided additional guidance on the permissible use of grant funds, including nonexclusive examples of eligible expenses in the following categories:

1. Medical expenses,
2. Public health expenses,

3. Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency,
4. Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures,
5. Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency, and
6. Any other COVID-19-related expenses reasonably necessary to the function of government that satisfy the Fund's eligibility criteria.

Further explanation of these categories and examples can be found at the following link:

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Guidance-for-State-Territorial-Local-and-Tribal-Governments.pdf>

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>

The subrecipient agrees that a minimum of 75% of its allotment will be spent in the categories of medical expenses, public health expenses and payroll expenses for employees substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the public emergency. The remainder of the allotment may be spent in any of the categories provided within the Treasury guidance.

The grantee certifies compliance with these eligible expenses by executing the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund Eligibility Certification Form in Exhibit E, which is attached hereto and incorporated for all purposes.

The grantee is responsible for the integrity of the fiscal and programmatic management of the grant project; accountability for all funds awarded; and compliance with TDEM administrative rules, policies and procedures, and applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

The grantee will maintain an appropriate grant administration system to ensure that all terms, conditions and specifications of the grant are met.