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County CARES Act grant funds available to community non-profit support groups

Sherburne County has created a grant program to provide certain community support organizations funds to make up for losses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A one-time grant of up to \$75,000 is available to qualifying Sherburne County non-profits that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic during March - July 2020. It is anticipated a second round of grants will be solicited later this year for the period of August – December 2020.

To qualify for the reimbursable grant of up to \$15,000 per month, organizations must have at least 2 full-time equivalent employees and demonstrate expenses related to fixed/capital costs, operating costs, personnel costs or revenue loss.

Eligible non-profits applying for these funds may NOT use County grant funds for eligible expenses covered by other Local, State or Federal funds.

This is the second grant program the County has created to assist with COVID-related losses. The Business Relief Fund created in late July made grants available to County businesses.

The non-profit grant funds may be used for rent or mortgage payments, payroll for current employees, working capital and operational costs for the community resource(s) provided by the organization. Funds may not be used for purchasing machinery or vehicles, moving expenses, land acquisition, or the payment of property taxes.

The County will determine in its discretion the appropriate amount of a grant and the eligible costs and expenses for each eligible non-profit. Applications will be accepted beginning Aug. 10 through Aug. 31, 2020.

To learn more about the fund, qualification requirements and ineligible businesses and to apply, go to <https://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/FormCenter/Grant-Application-Forms-18/Sherburne-County-COVID19-Community-Resou-99>