



## ROUTES TO RECOVERY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID GRANTS

### An Operational Overview

The effort is funded by \$200 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars and will be administered by the Department of Administration (DOA). Of the \$200 million, \$10 million will be allocated to Wisconsin's tribal nations, with the remaining funds being distributed to every Wisconsin county, city, village and town. The Fund is available to cover **unbudgeted expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency between March 1 and November 6, 2020** in the following categories:

- Emergency operation activities, including those related to public health, emergency services, and public safety response
- Purchases of personal protective equipment
- Cleaning/sanitizing supplies and services, including those related to elections administration
- Temporary isolation housing for infected or at-risk individuals
- Testing and contact tracing costs above those covered by existing State programs
- FMLA and sick leave for public health and safety employees to take COVID-19 precautions
- Meeting local match requirements for expenses submitted for reimbursement by FEMA, to the full extent permitted by federal law

### HOW THE FUND WORKS

Every county, city, village, and town is allocated a portion of the Fund based on population, with a guaranteed minimum allocation of \$5,000. To draw down its allocation and receive funds, a grantee must report its eligible expenditures through the State's cost tracker application. The State will:

- Review eligible expenditures entered by July 1 (and every two months thereafter until November 1)
- Subtract them from the grantee's allocation; and,
- Reimburse them until the grantee's allocation reaches zero.

A grantee can transfer its allocation to another unit of government by providing notice to the Department of Administration. Any allocation balances remaining after the November 1 cutoff will be returned to the Fund to be used as needed for localized outbreaks or other COVID-19-related local expenditures before the federally imposed end-of-year deadline to spend them.



## **ALLOCATION AMOUNTS**

To view the Routes to Recovery Grant allocation amounts for Wisconsin's local units of government, visit [HERE](#).

To view the Routes to Recovery Grant allocation amounts for Wisconsin counties, visit [HERE](#).

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Additional details regarding the program will be communicated directly to local governments soon.

If you would like to be included on any email updates regarding the Routes to Recovery Grant program, please send an email address with no message to [subscribe-covidgovgrant@lists.wi.gov](mailto:subscribe-covidgovgrant@lists.wi.gov).



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