

Kern Recovers: Nonprofit Grant Program – Revised November 17, 2020

Program Description:

A grant program providing economic support to Kern County nonprofit entities who were financially impacted by COVID-19 and that are focused on addressing the needs of the neediest in our society or improving the quality of life in Kern County. Funding must be necessary due to the financial impacts of COVID-19 and be used to mitigate these impacts.

Program Outline:

1. Total program allocation of CRF Funding: \$1,000,000.
2. Grant awards will be issued to benefit residents throughout Kern County and minimize the overconcentration of benefits in any one geographic area relative to population.
3. Individual Grants of \$5,000, \$10,000, or \$20,000 based on the following criteria:
 - a. Employee count.
 - b. 2019 Annual Revenues.
 - c. Demonstrated Revenue Loss.
 - i. Actual decrease in revenues from 3/1/20-7/31/20 compared to 3/1/19-7/31/19.
 - ii. Support for projected loss of revenue from 8/1/20 to 12/31/20.
 - d. Demonstrated COVID-19 extraordinary expenses (optional)
 - e. COVID-19 related financial assistance already received from any other sources such as; Federal PPP, Federal IDEL, and State grants.
4. Eligibility Criteria:
 - a. Must adequately demonstrate that funding is necessary due to the financial impacts of COVID-19 and will be used to mitigate these impacts.
 - b. Must be a legally organized Nonprofit Entity (IRS-501).
 - c. Must be actively registered to do business by the California Secretary of State.
 - d. Must be physically headquartered in Kern County, as documented with the IRS or California Secretary of State or, if headquartered outside of Kern County, must demonstrate with substantial support that nonprofit directly benefits the residents of Kern County.
 - e. If headquartered in Kern County, must primarily serve the constituents of Kern County.
 - f. Must directly provide a service or good available to, or benefiting, the general public.
 - g. Cannot have received funding under the Kern Recovers: KSBRP.
 - h. Cannot be:
 - i. A religious organization.
 - ii. An educational institution.
 - iii. A governmental or quasigovernmental entity.
 - iv. A social, recreational, sports, or booster club.
 - v. Exclusively engaged in lobbying.
 - vi. A private foundation.
 - vii. Primarily engaged in distributing funds to other organizations or individuals.
 - viii. Cannot be organized to benefit an exclusive class or group of people.