



## **Jackson Township Non-Profit Recovery Grant Program Guidelines**

### **Statement of Purpose**

Jackson Township are soliciting proposals from eligible nonprofits in Jackson Township that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 public health crisis and community response. Recommendations for funding will be made to the Jackson Township Trustees based on criteria set forth within state and federal regulations.

### **Background**

The SLFRF program provides governments across the country with the resources needed to:

- Fight the pandemic and support families and businesses struggling with its public health and economic impacts
- Maintain vital public services, even amid declines in revenue resulting from the crisis
- Build a strong, resilient, and equitable recovery by making investments that support long-term growth and opportunity

The United States Treasury released the Final Rules for the American Rescue Plan on April 1, 2022. Funding can be used for expenditures that respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impact of the pandemic by supporting the health of communities, and helping households, small businesses, impacted industries, nonprofits, and the public sector recover from economic impacts.

### **Program Eligibility**

- Nonprofits must be incorporated as a 501 (c) 3 or 501 (c) 19.
- Applicants must have been operating on or prior to May 1, 2019. Eligible applicants must operate in Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio, must file an Ohio tax return and will be required to submit their most recent 990. If the main office of an applicant is located in another county, only those costs associated with the services provided exclusively in Jackson Township, Franklin County are eligible. Documentation will be required as part of the application process for verification purposes.

### Priority Considerations

- Priority will be given to nonprofit organizations that did not receive any additional government COVID-19 response funding, for example: SBA Payroll Protection Program, other SBA Disaster/Emergency Funds.

### Eligible Use of Funds

- Eligible uses for COVID-19 expenses as defined by the American Rescue Plan include, but are not limited to:
  - working capital
  - payroll
  - utilities
  - special materials and equipment to comply with state requirements.
- Eligible expenditure examples (not limited to):
  - Replenishing Food Pantries
  - Costs of increasing shelters (persons experiencing homelessness)
  - Operating Expenses (such as):
    - Rent, mortgage interest, bills, cable, internet, phone, spoilage, PPE purchases, cleaning supplies,
    - Any cost associated with preparing the agency to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus
    - Any expenses (costs) incurred related to the expense of mitigating the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to specialized equipment, barriers, PPE's, and employee training expense to ensure compliance with state and federal CDC guidelines for reopening.
    - Any Covid-19 related expenses **not already paid** for with other relief measures such as state grants or loans, US SBA Paycheck Protection Program loans, local or regional grant and/or loan programs
- Applicants will be required to self-certify adherence to the following:
  - If you use grant funds for unauthorized purposes, you will be directed to repay those amounts. If you knowingly use the funds for unauthorized purposes, you will be subject to additional liability such as charges for fraud. If one of your shareholders, members, or partners uses grant funds for unauthorized purposes, Jackson Township will have recourse against the shareholder, member, or partner for the unauthorized use.

**Ineligible Use of Funds:**

- Lost revenue due to cancelled fundraising activities due to COVID-19 are not eligible expenses.

Please note that this list of eligible and ineligible activities is not all-inclusive. The grant review team will review each application and any supporting documentation to determine eligibility.

**Ineligible Nonprofits**

- Nonprofits that do not have a physical location in Jackson Township, Franklin County, Ohio
- Nonprofits that are in active default (not on a payment plan) with taxes or fees owed to the federal government or State of Ohio
- Nonprofits engaged in any activity that is illegal under Federal, state, or local law
- Nonprofits that spend more than 10% of their budgeted expenses engaged in political or lobbying activities

The application can be found at [www.jacksontwp.org](http://www.jacksontwp.org).

**Questions?** Contact Shane Farnsworth, Township Administrator at [farnsworths@jacksontwp.org](mailto:farnsworths@jacksontwp.org) or call 614-871-6881.