

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Hancock County
Non-Profit Revenue Lost Grant
Eligibility Criteria

Hancock County has received American Rescue Act funding; 50% of this amount was received in May 2021, and the other 50% will be received in May of 2022. The County will utilize a portion of this funding in support of nonprofit organizations in our area. All applicants will be reviewed on a first come, first serve basis until funding is depleted.

Total funds available: \$300,000

Maximum award: \$10,000

Purpose: to support qualifying nonprofits in Hancock County who have lost revenue from April 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, due to Covid 19 virus.

Eligible: Any recognized, ordinary, and established nonprofit organization located in Hancock County, Maine. This entity does not necessarily require a 5013(c) designation, but its mission must provide broad public good that benefits the local community. Losses must be in excess of \$1,000. In addition, losses must meet the “probably articulation” standard i.e., the loss amount must contain substantiated documentation such as using a multi-year average.

Non-eligible:

- Government organizations and their affiliates
- Religious groups and their affiliates, except where their subdivisions may be organized for purposes other than religion. For example, a church that owned a youth summer camp that conducted religious activities would not be eligible for funds but a church that owned a cemetery that was managed separately would be eligible.
- Private organizations providing municipal services such as fire protection, public safety, ambulance services, etc. An exception might be a food bank managed by a nonprofit which is mostly or entirely funded by a municipality.
- Health care organizations for primary care, advanced care, drug and alcohol treatment and psychological services.
- Newly formed start up organizations. Organization must have been in operation a significant length of time to be considered established.

Awards Committee

An awards committee shall be created, and shall consist of the ARP Coordinator, the chair of the County Commission, the County Administrator and Assistant County Administrator.

Selection Process

As each grant application is received by the ARP Coordinator, it will be reviewed to determine if it meets award criteria as described. If the information clearly demonstrates a loss due to the Covid 19 virus, the Coordinator will forward the application to the County Administrator with a recommendation for approval and award amount. If in agreement, a listing of the recommended awards will be placed on the successive meeting agenda for final approval by the County Commissioners.

If the Coordinator has questions or issues with the grant application, the Coordinator will follow up with the nonprofit applicant to obtain further details. If issues remain with the application, the Coordinator will call a meeting of the Grant Committee for discussion and review.

The Grant Committee and Coordinator shall adopt and utilize whenever possible, standards that will be used in reviewing all grant applications. Examples of these standards would include: 1) determining the loss amount based upon "net" revenue loss and 2) using the average revenue amount for the immediate past 3 years.

Grant Management

This grant will be managed by the ARP Coordinator.