

Coronavirus Relief Grants (CRG)

Awarded by the State Loan and Investment Board

Administered by the Office of State Lands and Investments



Coronavirus Relief Grant Program (CRG) Rules and Regulations

- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, P.L. 116-1136, provides relief funding to States, Tribes, and local governmental entities.
- The Wyoming Legislature authorized the distribution of relief funding subject to the approval of the State Loan and Investments Board (“Board”). 2020 Spec. Session 1, SEA No. 0001 (b) (ii), (iii), and (x).
- The Board has promulgated emergency rules to facilitate the Board’s timely consideration of CRG applications.
 - Chapter 39 of the Board’s Rules governs the distribution of Funds by establishing an application process, eligibility criteria, and reporting requirements.
 - The provisions of Chapter 39 are based on Guidance provided by the US Treasury Department, as supplemented by the requirements of the authorizing state legislation.
 - Copy of the rules can be found at <https://lands.wyo.gov/> or <https://rules.wyo.gov/>.



Important CRG Definitions

- ▶ “Fund” means the Coronavirus Relief Fund monies paid to the state pursuant to section 5001 of the CARES Act.
- ▶ “Most Recently Approved Budget” refers to the enacted budget for the relevant fiscal period for the particular government, without taking into account subsequent supplemental appropriations enacted or other budgetary adjustment made by that government in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- ▶ “Necessary” means that the expenditure is reasonably required for its intended use in the reasonable judgment of the applicable government officials responsible for spending Fund payments.

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Important CRG Definitions (continued)

- ▶ “Health Care Facility” means any facility licensed or certified by the Wyoming Department of Health that is a hospital or that normally provides twenty-four (24) hour per day care for individuals, including the facility's owner, operator or licensee.
- ▶ “Health Care Provider” means a person or facility licensed, certified or otherwise authorized by the law of this state to provide health care in the ordinary course of business or practice of a profession, but does not include a person who provides health care solely through the sale or dispensing of drugs or medical devices.
- ▶ “Political Subdivision” means every county, city, incorporated and unincorporated town, school district, and special district within the state.



CRG Eligible Applicants

- ▶ Cities, towns, counties, and other political subdivisions;
- ▶ Tribal Councils, after they have exhausted the relief funds provided to them directly by the Treasury; and,
 - ▶ Businesses owned by the Tribes or tribal members are not be eligible for grants under this Chapter.
- ▶ Wyoming Health Care Providers, Rural Health Care Districts, hospital districts, and Health Care Facilities.
 - ▶ Health care providers owned or operated by the Tribes or tribal members are eligible for grants under this Chapter.



CRG Eligibility Requirement

Prior to CRG applications being considered by the Board, applicants must be in compliance with all applicable reporting requirements with the:

Wyoming Department of Audit

and

Wyoming Department of Revenue



Distribution of CRG Funds

- ▶ Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - ▶ This will be determined by the day the applications are received by OSLI.
- ▶ Grants may be awarded to reimburse applicants for the following expenditures:
 - ▶ Medical expenses;
 - ▶ Public health expenses;
 - ▶ Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency;
 - ▶ Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures;
 - ▶ Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency; and
 - ▶ Any other **Necessary** COVID-19-related expenses that satisfy the Fund's eligibility criteria.



CRG Reimbursement Eligibility Criteria

CRG funds may only be used to reimburse expenses that are:

- ▶ Necessary expenditures incurred due to the current public health emergency with respect to COVID-19;
 - ▶ Funds cannot be used to prepare for future outbreaks of COVID-19 or other pandemics.
- ▶ Not accounted for in the most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020 for the government; and
- ▶ Incurred during the period beginning on March 1, 2020 and ending on December 30, 2020.
 - ▶ Funds cannot be used to prepay for future services beyond December 30, 2020.



CRG Capital Construction Projects

- ▶ Eligible CRG capital construction projects will be limited to establishing temporary public medical facilities to increase COVID-19 treatment or testing capacity.
- ▶ Capital construction projects must be to address the current public health crisis related to COVID-19, not future outbreaks or other pandemics.
- ▶ All approved capital construction projects must be owned by the entity applying for the grant.



CRG Ineligible Expenditures

- The following is a non-exclusive list of expenditures ineligible for reimbursement from the Funds:
 - Revenue replacement;
 - Damages covered by insurance;
 - Payroll or benefits expenses for employees whose work duties are not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency;
 - Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program, such as the reimbursement by the federal government pursuant to the CARES Act;
 - Reimbursement to donors for donated items or services;
 - Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime;
 - Severance pay;
 - Legal settlements;
 - Prepayment on contracts;



CRG Ineligible Expenditures (continued)

- Costs for tap fees, sewer and water fees, and plant investment fees;
- All non-cash costs;
- Costs for preparation or presentation of applications;
- Costs for transportation, meals and lodging and incidentals incurred anywhere away from the site of the project or that exceed the current federal per diem reimbursement rate;
- Costs related to issuance of bonds;
- Costs for real property in excess of current fair market value and/or costs for an amount of real property in excess of that needed for project purposes;
- Costs to establish and form special districts or joint powers boards;
- Costs for a contingency or extra work allowance in excess of 10% of estimated construction costs;
- Costs associated with the applicant's equipment; and,
- Markups by engineers/architects of sub-consultant and other outside charges.



CRG Application Evaluation Criteria

- ▶ CRG applications will be evaluated utilizing the following criteria:
 - ▶ Whether the expenditure is an appropriate use of the Fund and in compliance with the CARES Act;
 - ▶ Whether the expenditures were incurred and/or continue to be incurred as a direct response of combating COVID-19 in Wyoming;
 - ▶ Whether the expenditure is related to the economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency; and
 - ▶ Whether the expenditure is in compliance with state law.

CRG Application Due Dates

- ▶ CRG applications must be received at least ten (10) business days prior to any regularly scheduled Board meeting for consideration at that meeting.

SLIB Meeting Date	Application Due Date
August 6, 2020	July 23, 2020
October 1, 2020	September 17, 2020
November 5, 2020	October 22, 2020
December 3, 2020	November 19, 2020

- ▶ CRG applications must be received at least five (5) business days prior to any Special Board meeting, for consideration at that meeting.
- ▶ Failure to submit a completed CRG application by 5:00 p.m. on the applicable due date will result in deferral of the application to the next Board meeting.
 - ▶ CRG Applications can be emailed to OSLI prior to mailing, if there is a concern related to meeting the due date requirement.



CRG Application Overview

- ▶ The CRG application is in Excel, similar to other OSLI grant and loan applications.
 - ▶ The CRG application consists of seven (7) individual tabs.
 - ▶ Instructions, Checklist, Resolution, Certification Statement, Tab1 – General Information, Tab 2 – Questions, and Tab 3 – Narrative.
 - ▶ At a minimum, the Resolution through Tab 3 – Narrative must be submitted to OSLI in order to be considered by the Board.
 - ▶ The resolution included in the application may be utilized or one can be created.
 - ▶ The “Applicant Name” and “CRG Request Type” entered on Tab 1 – General Information will carry through to the rest of the application pages.
 - ▶ Signatures on the original CRG application must be in **BLUE** ink.
 - ▶ Signatures on the one (1) copy do not have to be original or in blue.
 - ▶ If there are issues printing the CRG application, try to print or save the document as a “PDF” and then print the document.
 - ▶ The setting related to the printing margins may need to be adjusted.



CRG Reporting Requirements

Funds awarded from the CRG program are subject to sub-recipient monitoring.

- ▶ Recipients of funding will need to consolidated funds awarded from the Coronavirus Grant Program with all other Federal funds to determine if the amount of Federal funds received triggers the audit requirements imposed by the Single Audit Act and Subpart F of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.



CRG Resources

- ▶ OSLI Website – <https://lands.wyo.gov/>
 - ▶ Application, OSLI guidance document, link to Chapter 39 Rules
 - ▶ Sign up for updates:
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WYOSLI/subscriber/new>
- ▶ Wyoming Secretary of State - <https://rules.wyo.gov/>
 - ▶ Filed Emergency Chapter 39 of the State Loan and Investment Board's Rules
- ▶ US Treasury Department – <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares>
 - ▶ CARES Act Guidance documents



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