

Governor's Local Government Support Grants Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Overview

- **Funds will be available as of July 1, 2020.**
- Applications will be made available by April 30, 2020, distributed via email and posted online when they become available.
- Grants are one-time funding and are to be used on one-time expenses. Funds may *not* be used to support recurring expenditures such as salaries, debt issuance, or existing programming and services. Grant funds for new building construction are *not* permitted.
- State grant funds may be used as a match to leverage other funds. No local funding match is required.
- Grant funds can be used on multiple projects.

Allocations

- Funding is based on population as published by the US Census Bureau (7/1/18 data).
- No county will receive less than \$500,000 and no city or municipality will receive less than \$30,000.
- The three Metro governments (Davidson, Moore and Trousdale) will receive one allocation, whichever is largest.

Permitted Spending Categories

1) IT Hardware Upgrades

Information Technology upgrades would include new or replacement of IT equipment with a one-time expenditure for items such as hardware. Public Safety Systems can also be included.

2) Capital Maintenance*

*Projects should focus on maintaining current facilities, primarily through repair and renovation of roofing, mechanical, and electrical systems. Projects would include items that appreciably extend the life of the facility, such as alterations to rectify code deficiencies, modifications for health and safety issues, repairs to improve utility systems, repaving, roof repairs, exterior fencing and lighting, and repair. The maintenance and renovation of recreational facilities (ballfields, parks, greenways, recreation centers) would **not** be an allowable use. Application for these projects should be directed to TDEC's Local Park Grant Program.*

3) Utility System Upgrades

Utility System upgrades would include maintenance and upgrades to existing water and sewer infrastructure.

4) Road Projects*

Road Projects would include road and bridge maintenance, renovation and replacement projects along with traffic control initiatives. Priority should be given to existing roads and bridges.

5) Public Safety*

Public Safety items would include ADA type projects (Not Planning) as well as equipment purchases for Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency response and School Buses.

6) COVID 19 Response

COVID 19 response items would include items related to control and containment. Examples of one-time expenses include supply and equipment purchase, cleaning, emergency food and shelter programs.

** Could include tornado relief projects for Benton, Carroll, Davidson, Putnam, Smith & Wilson counties*

Process

- **Funds will be distributed by F&A as a direct appropriation grant as of 7/1/20.**
- Applications are to be submitted to F&A for review and approval.
- Required documents: 1) Application, 2) W-9, 3) Resolution passed by the local governing body, 4) Budget.
- All required documents must be submitted by 4/30/21 in order to complete review and processing by 6/30/21.
- Any funds not applied for by 4/30/21 will cease to be available and will return to the general fund on 6/30/21.
- Any funds granted by the state, but not spent or contractually obligated by 6/30/21 will be required to be returned.
- Obligated purpose of grant funds will be reported to the Comptroller of the Treasury, Division of Local Government Audit by 6/30/21 and are subject to audit.
- All funds must be expended by 6/30/23.

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