

October 23, 2020

This upcoming Monday, October 26, the DeWine Administration will ask the State Controlling Board to approve \$429.5 M of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. At a press conference held this afternoon, Governor Mike DeWine, Senate President Larry Obhof and House Speaker Bob Cupp, all noted that the state is purposefully holding money back that was previously allocated to Ohio by Congress as they continue to monitor future state needs.

1. \$50 M to establish a home relief program for rental, mortgage, water and/or sewer utility assistance

- Ohioans at or below 200% of the federal poverty level can apply at their local Community Action Agency
- The application process will open on November 2, 2020
- More information can be found at: <https://www.businesshelp.ohio.gov/home-relief-grant.html>

2. \$125 M to establish the small business relief program

- Small businesses with no more than 25 employees will be eligible to receive a \$10,000 grant
- Businesses can use this money for a variety of expenses including mortgages, rent payments, utility payments, salaries, wages, business supplies and equipment, and other costs related to keeping the business viable
- \$44M will be specifically set aside to ensure all 88 Ohio counties get at least 50 businesses funded, and beyond this set aside, the applications will be funded on a first come, first serve basis
- The application process will open on November 2, 2020
- Businesses can apply at: <https://www.businesshelp.ohio.gov/small-business-relief-grant.html>

3. \$37.5 M to assist restaurants and bars

- More than 15,000 bars, restaurants, breweries, distilleries and wineries with on-premise liquor consumption permits, will be eligible to receive a \$2,500 grant
- Eligible establishments do not have to be currently open, but they must have an active liquor license as of today
- The application process will open on November 2, 2020

- More detailed information can be found at: <https://www.businesshelp.ohio.gov/pdf/10232020-bar-and-restaurant-assistance-fund.pdf>
- Note: businesses can apply for both the small business relief program and this program

4. \$62 M to rural and critical access hospitals

- This funding will allow 70 rural and critical access hospitals across the state to continue responding to the COVID-19 crisis, providing care, and addressing increased costs for safety measures, including the purchase of PPE

5. \$100 M for institutions of higher education

- This money will be used for critical services, including testing on campuses and mental health services for students

6. \$25 M to non-profits that provide food, shelter and other social services to Ohioans

- Eligible organizations must be organized as IRC 501(c)(3) and have not yet received any CARES funding
- The program will be administered through the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services

7. \$20 M to support the arts