

## **Covid-19 Fund for Rural Resiliency**

### **Grant Guidelines**

The Covid-19 Fund for Rural Resiliency is to provide recovery funding for rural and tribal communities adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. As the crisis of the pandemic has begun to move into recovery, communities are now more aware of their long-term recovery needs. The pandemic put a lens on many cracks within communities, from lack of childcare and unreliable broadband to food insecurities and workforce shortages.

The intention of these funds is to help communities rebuild from the pandemic, reduce vulnerabilities within communities, and capitalize on opportunities to ensure long-term resiliency.

### **Guidelines**

- Funds will be used to provide recovery funding to increase long-term community resiliency and help communities return to normalcy from the pandemic.
- The focus on resiliency is aimed at minimizing disruptions, helping ensure rapid recovery, with little loss of economic or social value, and augment limited state and federal government resources.
- Funds may be granted out to a nonprofit or a community project. Funds cannot be granted to private businesses or individuals unless a direct case can be made for long term recovery.
- Grants must be given specifically to help long-term recovery from the social and economic impacts of Covid-19.
- This fund prioritizes rural and tribal communities. Funding must be focused on assisting vulnerable populations within the community. Vulnerable communities are defined as: "children, older adults, communities of color, low-income households, the uninsured and people with disabilities." (Center for Disaster Philanthropy).
- Please fill out the Project Proposal form (attached) and send it to:
  - Julie Foster | [julie@rceda.org](mailto:julie@rceda.org)
- Once the project proposal is submitted, RCEDA and the applicant will agree on funds.
- The organization will submit a project report to RCEDA within 5 Months of receiving funds (attached).

**Covid-19 Fund for Rural Resiliency  
Project Proposal**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Organization: RCEDA

Your Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a brief (4-5 sentences) response to the questions below.**

Project/Organization Description:

What community is this project serving?

How does this project help with Covid-19 recovery in your community?

Amount of funding for project/organization:

**Covid-19 Fund for Rural Resiliency  
Project Report**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner Organization RCEDA: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a brief (4-5 sentences) response to the questions below.**

Project/Organization Description:

Project Outcomes.

Please provide photos, if possible, of the project.