(ARPA) COVID State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds local government relief program

Notice of Funding Opportunity

The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development (DCCED) Division of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) is pleased to announce a notice of funding opportunity and invites Alaska cities and boroughs to apply.

What: The Alaska Legislature appropriated \$50 million in the Fiscal Year 2022 budget from the state's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) COVID State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds towards "Grants to local governments with significant revenue loss due to COVID-19."

Grantees may use awarded funds for government services, as outlined in the guidance and rules provided by the United States Department of the Treasury for ARPA funds. More information on included revenue and allowable expenditures is available in the program handbook that accompanies the application.

Who: Alaska local governments (municipalities) are eligible to receive these grants. Applicants must be eligible to receive federal funding. Non-profits, community associations, tribes, school districts, and other non-governmental entities are not eligible for this funding.

When: Applications, whether submitted by email or fax, must be <u>received by DCRA at DCRA.LGLR@alaska.gov</u> or 907-465-4761_by 5:00 pm, December 6, 2021. <u>Late applications will not be accepted</u>.

Application: The application, application handbook, calculation tool, frequently asked questions and contact information are available online at DCRA's Lost Revenue Relief Program page. Calculation of requested grant amounts must be based on the Interim Final Rule dated May 17, 2021 (https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-05-17/pdf/2021-10283.pdf), any succeeding federal guidance, and the language appropriating these grants in the State FY22 budget.

Awards: Treasury's Interim Guidance sets four points in time that revenue loss can be calculated, starting with the period from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. A first round of funding, with up to \$50 million awarded, will be based on revenue loss calculated for this period using the formula provided by the U.S. Treasury. Legislative intent identifies "significant revenue loss" to local governments as a 10% or greater loss in revenue.

Award amounts will be determined based on qualifying revenue loss due to COVID-19 and the total amounts applied for. If qualifying awards exceed \$50 million, the award amounts will be calculated on a proportional basis, with higher percentages of award amounts going to municipalities that experienced the highest percentage of calculated revenue loss. Remaining funds, if any, will be distributed in a second round of funding based on the period January 1 through December 31, 2021.

More information: Treasury's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds website