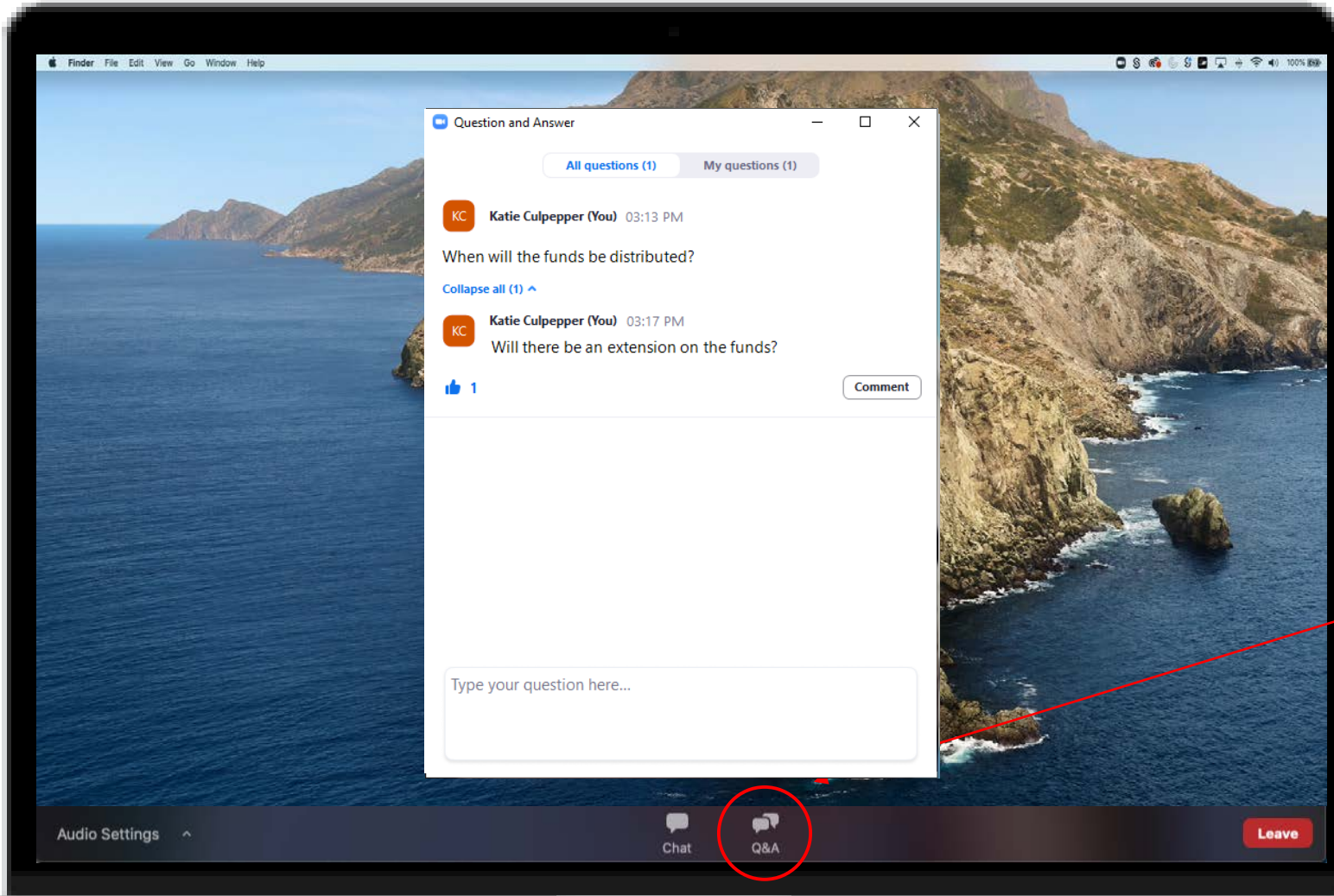




# Coronavirus Agricultural and Forestry Business Fund (CAFB Fund)

Applicant Briefing





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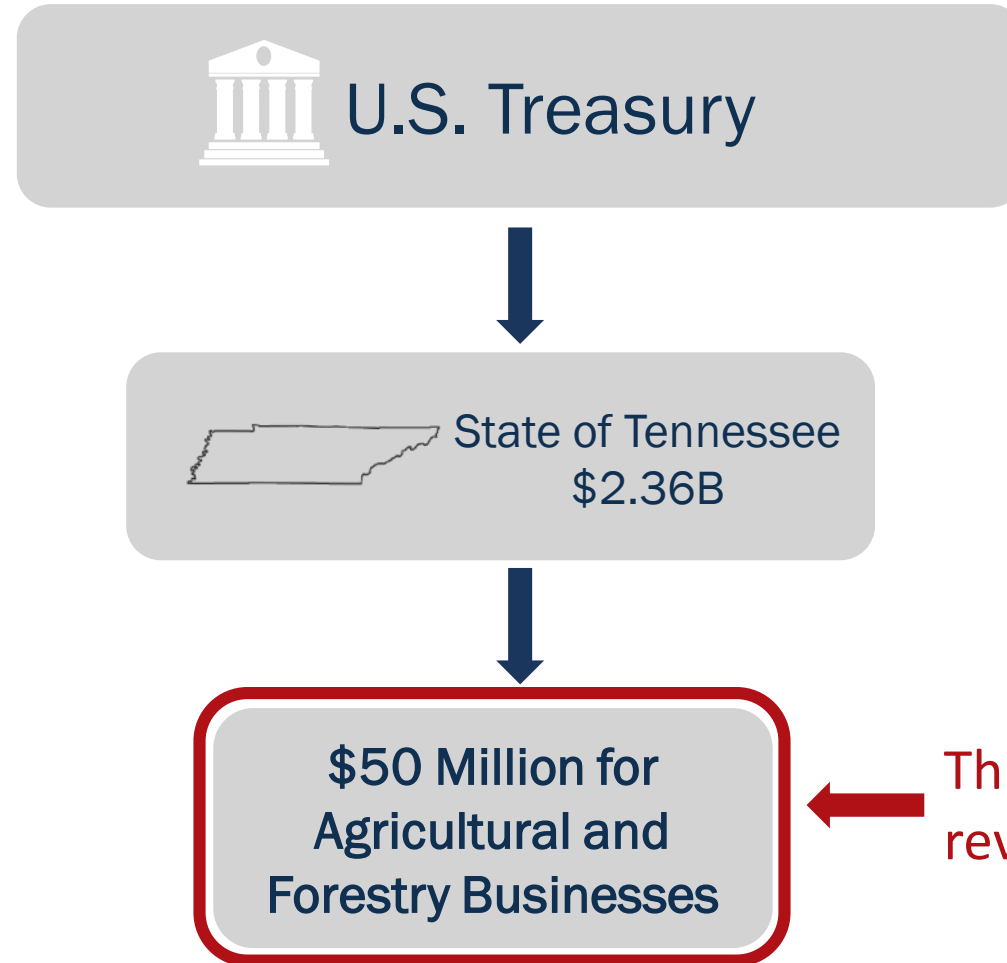
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# Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) General Information

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- Title V of the CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF).
- \$150 billion appropriation to make payments for specified uses to states, Tribal governments, territories, and large units of local government.
- U.S. Treasury's funding allocation methodology is based on relative state population.

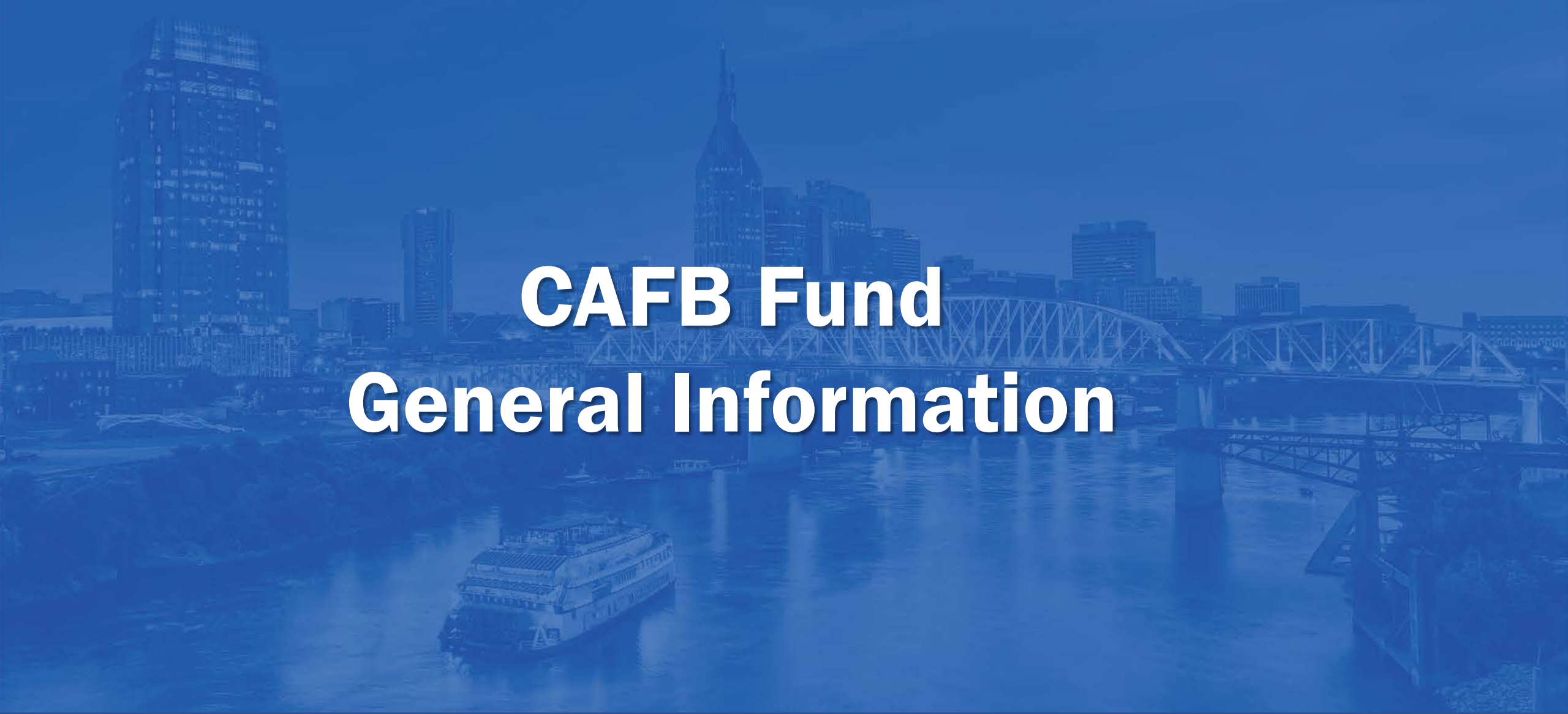
# CRF General Information



This is the funding we are reviewing in this briefing

# CRF – US Treasury Guidance

- Cost must be necessary expenditures due to the COVID -19 public health emergency
  - Broad - Includes economic support to assist with business interruption caused by COVID-19
- Costs must not be accounted for in the most recent budget approved as of March 27, 2020 for the applicable State or government
- Costs must be incurred between March 1 and December 30, 2020
- Expenses not already covered by other Federal funding (FEMA, USDA, PPP, etc.)
- Subject to Treasury OIG Audit and Single Audit Act



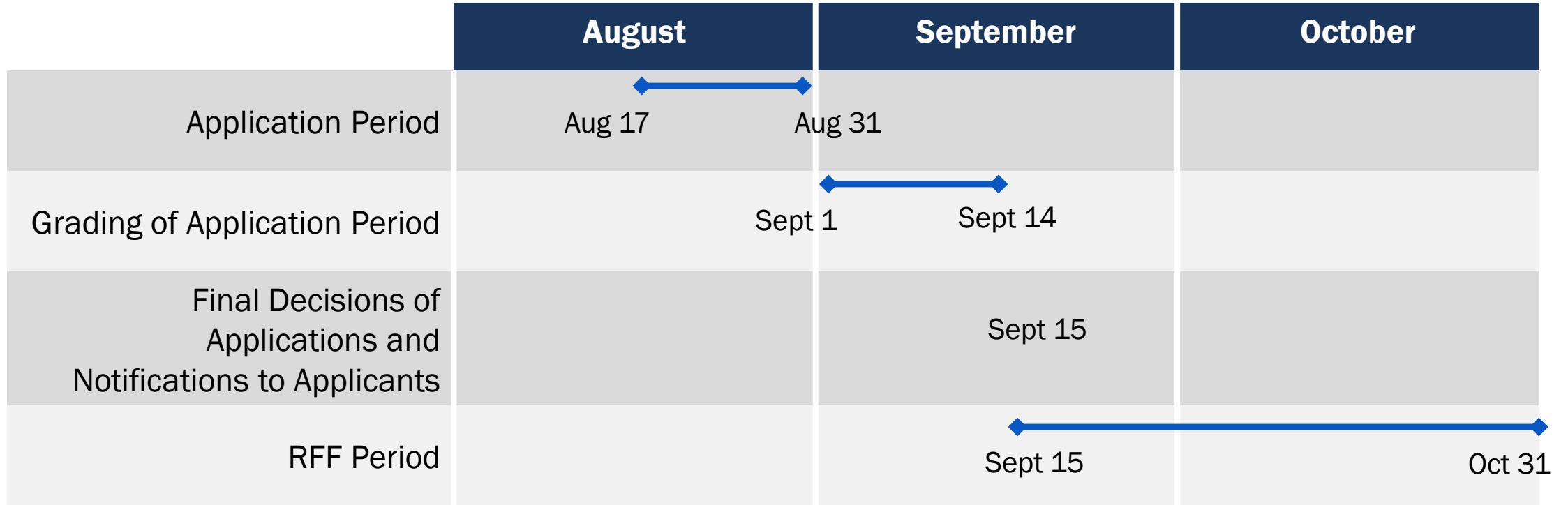
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# Coronavirus Agricultural & Forestry Business Fund

- \$50 million from Tennessee's Coronavirus Relief Fund.
- Fund is designated for agricultural or forestry businesses.
- Created primarily for Agricultural and Forestry businesses who have not received other COVID-19 funding.

# Timeline



# Coronavirus Agricultural & Forestry Business Fund

- Funds must be used within the following categories:
  - Business Disruption
  - Costs Associated with Pandemic Response
  - Supply Chain Enhancement
  - Increased Meat Processing Capacity
- Funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis.
- Appropriate documentation must be provided to substantiate expenses and receive payment.

# Eligible Industries in Program

- Agricultural Fairs/Events/Expos
- Agriculture, Food & Forest Product Exporters
- Agritourism Operations
- Cheese Processors
- Community Food Kitchens
- Commodity Groups
- Co-Packing Businesses
- Cotton Gins
- Craft Breweries
- Distilleries
- Farmers Markets
- Food Distributors
- Food Processors
- Forest Product Manufacturers
- Grain Elevators
- Hemp Processors
- Horse Trails
- Horticultural Producers
- Livestock & Horse Shows
- Loggers
- Meat Processors
- Milk Processors
- Sawmills
- Specialty Crop Producers
- Transportation Providers
- Urban Ag Businesses Serving Food Deserts
- Wineries
- Other

# Ineligible Industries in Program

- Food Banks (Non-Profit)
- Lodging (Small Business)
- Petting Zoo (Small Business)
- Event Planning (Small Business if Funding Available)
- Summer Camp (Small Business if Funding Available)
- Rentals (Small Business if Funding Available)
- Catering/Food Services (Small Business if Funding Available)

# Applicant Requirements

- Applicants must be a Tennessee entity, or have a project based in Tennessee.
- Applicants must demonstrate that they have:
  - Incurred a business loss, and/or
  - have/will incur expenses that address the unique problems created by COVID-19
  - the ability to expand capacity and are in an industry where demand has increased because of COVID-19.
- Applicants must agree to Electronic Funds Transfer for payment.

# Relief Categories

- 01 Business Disruption
- 02 Costs Associated with Pandemic Response
- 03 Supply Chain Enhancement
- 04 Increased Meat Processing Capacity

# Business Disruption

- Applicant must prove business disruption through documentation and narrative.
- Possible substantiating documentation:
  - Financial statements
  - Bank statements
  - 2019 Income tax return
  - Sales tax returns
- Expenditure of funds granted to successful applicants will not be monitored following their disbursement.



# Costs Associated with Pandemic Response

- Reimbursement of specific costs related to response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Possible eligible expenses:
  - PPE needed to safely continue business operations
  - Infrastructure needed to safely continue business operations
  - Donations made to prevent produce from spoiling
  - Additional hires to safely continue business operations
  - Sanitation of workplace to safely continue business operations
  - Any other COVID-19-related expenses that help strengthen TN supply chains.
- Possible supporting documentation:
  - Invoice/Receipt
  - Proof of Payment
  - Shipping Documentation

# Supply Chain Enhancement

This category includes projects that strengthen and/or safely build Tennessee's food and fiber supply chains. This fund will be for existing agricultural and forestry businesses and include costs associated with increasing production or processing capacity, increasing the number of employees to combat supply chain issues, as well as throughputs, inventory and raw materials capacity issues created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Supporting Documentation

- Proof of Payment
- Timesheets
- Payroll Register
- Employee Roster

## Examples of Supply Chain Enhancement

- Any projects that enhance Tennessee supply chain that has been disrupted by COVID-19.

# Increased Meat Processing Capacity

Projects that safely expand the capacity of an existing meat processing entities, where demand has increased due to COVID-19.

## Supporting Documentation

- Proof of Payment
- Timesheets
- Payroll Register
- Employee Roster

## Examples of Capacity Expansion

- Additional Cooler or Freezer Space
- Slaughter Floor Enhancements
- Expansion of workforce and all training it necessitates
- Any other creative capital projects or expansion of existing operations to strengthen supply chains by expanding capacity

# Application Portal

# Questions?

# Thank you!



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