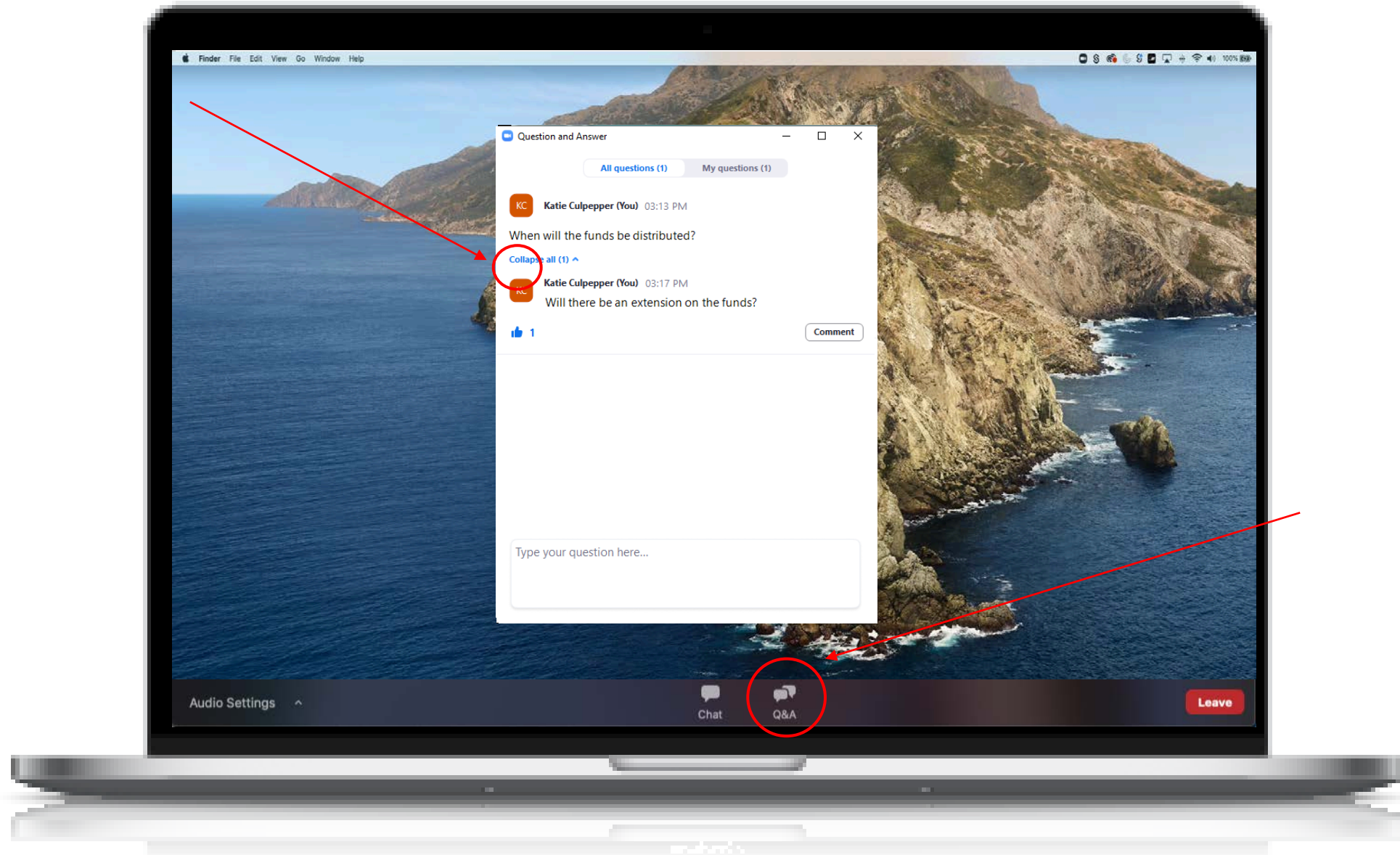




# TN Community CARES Funding Program

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# CRF - General Information

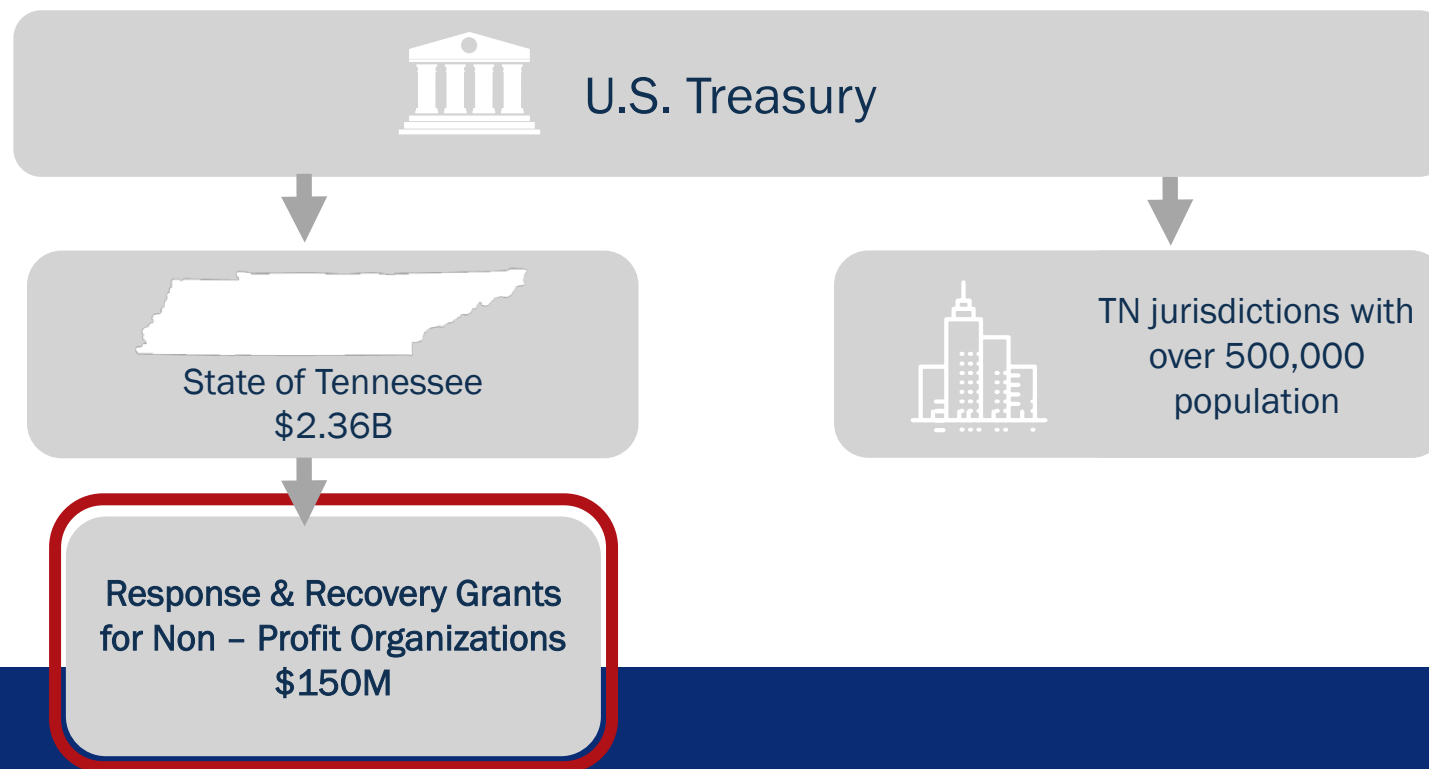




# Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF)

Under Title V of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Safety (CARES) Act, the Social Security Act was amended to establish the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), a \$150B appropriation used to make payments for specified uses to states, Tribal governments, territories, and large units of local government.

The U.S. Treasury's funding allocation methodology is established based on relative state population, as defined in the Act.





# CRF Characteristics

- Subject to U.S. Treasury oversight
- More flexibility in types of purchases
- Covers costs incurred due to Coronavirus emergency
- Subject to Treasury OIG audit and Single Audit Act for total federal funds expended in excess of \$750,000





## CRF Characteristics

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Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

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Costs were incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020







## Examples of Eligible Expenditures

- ✓ Providing uncompensated care or assistance for disabled or other vulnerable population to address new financial, health, or educational challenges that are in response to COVID-19.
- ✓ Reimbursement of unreimbursed expenses incurred by a non-profit due to the COVID-19 emergency, including but not limited to increased payroll costs, PPE, or any other measures taken to protect the employees and population served by the non-profit;
- ✓ Support targeted for any at-risk, vulnerable, or underserved community for any eligible activity;
- ✓ Expenses related to mitigating the spread of COVID-19





## Examples of Ineligible Expenditures

- X Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any Federal Program, such as the FEMA Public Assistance program;
- X Reimbursement of donors for donated items or services, previously donated; this includes reimbursement for items purchased by the non-profit with funds specifically donated and designated for the response to COVID-19
- X Any expense not related to the current COVID-19 public health emergency;
- X General economic development or capital improvement projects that are not necessary expenditures due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.



# Program Overview





## Program Goals

The purpose of the TN Community CARES grants are to ensure that non-profit organizations can respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 emergency, including:

- Aid to individuals impacted by wage loss, including rent/mortgage assistance, utilities assistance, food assistance, and direct financial assistance
- Aid to organizations providing COVID-19 relief services, including prepared meals, mental health counseling, health care services, and access to supplies





# Program Overview

All applying organizations must be a 501(c)3

Minimum grant size is \$25,000 – Maximum grant size is \$2 million

All grants will be paid on a reimbursement basis

**Duplication of benefits is strictly prohibited**

All funds must be spent by November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.





# Program Overview

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For non-profits wishing to receive response and recovery grants, instructions for grant proposals will be issued by the Department of Human Services and its partner non-profit grant administrators on August 1, 2020. Grant applications will remain open until August 15th and any awards will have a de-obligation date of November 15.

The Tennessee Community CARES Program will provide \$150 million in direct federally funded aid to non-profit organizations located across Tennessee and serving Tennesseans. Examples of activities prioritized and encouraged for funding under this program will include:

- Support for school-aged children and families related to education needs created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 outbreak;
- Any of the following activities for individuals or families who have been impacted by a loss of income or economic insecurity as a result of COVID-19:
  - Workforce training;
  - Emergency food assistance;
  - Case management or assistance in accessing an eligible state or federal public





# Grant Administrators





# Grant Administrators

Tennessee Community CARES Program grants will be administered by partner non-profit organizations who will serve as grant administrators. Grant administrators will handle outreach, marketing, and reporting of funds. They will also receive the grant applications, approve them, and monitor spending of approved programs.

Organizations serving as grant administrators include:

- United Way of Greater Chattanooga
- United Way of Greater Knoxville
- United Way of Greater Nashville
- United Way of the Mid-South
- Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee



# Application Process





# Application Process





# Application Process Reminders

- Applications are **not** first-come, first-serve. They are being individually evaluated based on program information submitted in the application.
- For more information on funding priority areas, please review the Applicant Information Packet.
- The primary and secondary points of contact entered into the application will also be the accounts given access to the TN CAMS system.



# Request for Funding (“RFF”)







# Request for Funding

As applications are approved, the recipient can begin submitting request for funding “RFF” in CAMS.

When applicants submit an RFF, they will be asked to sign the consent and attest they have read the terms and conditions

Grant Administrators are responsible for reviewing and approving RFFs.





# Approving Request for Funding

**Things you should consider when approving expenses:**

All funds will be paid on a reimbursement basis

Payments will be made directly from the State and require a supplier ID

Reporting of expenses is required on at least a monthly basis.



# Questions



## FAQ #1

### I did not receive a confirmation email that my application was accepted. How do I know it was submitted?

- If you applied before August 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will receive a confirmation email by 5pm CST today.
- If you applied after August 3<sup>rd</sup>, you should get an automated response from [no-reply@tncaresact.tn.gov](mailto:no-reply@tncaresact.tn.gov)
- **Please check your spam/junk mail**
- If you still have not received a confirmation email, please contact your grant administrator and they can work to get you a confirmation.



## FAQ #2

### If I received a PPP loan am I still eligible?

Payroll for employees dedicated to programs responding to COVID-19		
March	\$	25,000.00
April	\$	25,000.00
May	\$	25,000.00
June	\$	25,000.00
July	\$	25,000.00
August	\$	25,000.00
September	\$	25,000.00
October	\$	25,000.00
Nov 1- Nov 15	\$	12,250.00
Total Payroll Potentially Eligible for TN Community Cares		212,250.00

Organization's PPP Loan Received			\$ 100,000.00
	10 week period	4 weeks	\$ 25,000.00
		4 weeks	\$ 25,000.00
		2 weeks	\$ 12,500.00
	Eligible Payroll Covered by PPP Loan		62,500.00

Total Payroll Eligible for TN Community CARES Program      \$212,250  
Total Payroll Already Covered by PPP Loan                              - \$62,500  
**Payroll Left as Eligible for TN Community CARES Program      \$149,750**



# Questions

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