

Cass County Board of Commissioners

Our mission is to deliver quality public services to the citizens in an effective, professional and efficient manner.

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Cass County American Rescue Plan Act Grant Application

American Rescue Plan Act Grants for Cass County = \$5,784,222.00

Phase III Funding Available = \$800,000.00

Cass County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grants will provide assistance to local businesses, non-profit organizations, and local units of government located within Cass County recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. Support will be provided based on your need, including the timing of when you need your grant, to recover from the pandemic. Grant Applications will be accepted beginning January 17, 2023 through **June 23, 2023** at 4:30pm, unless funds are earlier exhausted. Forms should be returned to the County Administrator at the Cass County Courthouse, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484 or josh.stevenson@casscountymn.gov

Businesses, non-profit organizations, and local units of government must meet all the following criteria as of January 1, 2023 to be eligible. A business owner's immigration status does not impact eligibility.

- Must be impacted by an executive order related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Must be a business, non-profit organization, or local unit of government located in Cass County, or the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- Must have no current tax liens on record with the Minnesota Secretary of State's office,
- Must have commitment of matching funds for a project or program from other sources
- Business must be registered with the Minnesota Secretary of State and have a Federal Employer Identification Number
- Reimbursements must be requested from Cass County before December 31, 2024

DO YOU MEET ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS LISTED ABOVE?

Yes (Continue with application)

No (Stop you will not be eligible to receive a grant)

The Cass County Board has funding available to help area businesses, non-profits, local units of government, and the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe recover from the pandemic. The County is interested in making investments within Cass County that provide for the future of our area communities with it's Phase III funds.

For a project to be considered, there must be financial participation in the project outside of the County (e.g., "matching funds"). Projects that meet Phase III County Board priorities listed below will be considered:

- Expand services to disproportionately impacted communities
- Expand Emergency Medical Services, Fire Protection, and Ambulance Services
- Expand workforce housing in critical need communities
- Expand opportunities for community vaccination clinics
- Expand childcare capacity and early learning opportunities for our communities
- Promotes youth participation in afterschool programs
- Provides a long-term solution to a problem amplified by the pandemic
- Provides Broadband Internet to underserved and unserved areas of the County
- Provides long term natural resource protection
- Use of ARPA Funds from other local units of governments is part of financial plan
- Support from other local units of government is documented

Section 1 - Applicant Information (ALL items must be completed to best of your ability)

1. Legal Name of Business/Non-profit Organization/Local Unit of Government:
2. Complete Mailing Address of the Business/Non-profit Organization/Local Unit of Government:
3. Business/Non-profit/Local Unit of Government Organization's Federal Employer Identification Number:
4. First and Last Name of Business/Non-profit contact/Local Unit of Government:
5. Title/position of Business/Non-profit contact/Local Unit of Government:
6. Business/Non-profit/Local Unit of Government Organization's phone number to be used for grant correspondence:
7. Email address to be used for grant correspondence:
8. Legal Structure:
 - Corporation For-Profit
 - Non-Profit Organization
 - Limited Liability Company (LLC)
 - Partnership
 - Cooperative
 - Local Unit of Government
 - Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
9. Committed funding from other sources \$ _____
Cass County Funds requested \$ _____
Total project or program cost \$ _____

I understand that a County match request is a commitment of funds and we anticipate sending our first payment request to the County toward our project costs in _____. (*Month and Year*)

10. Please list the amount of any other grants, loans or aid you have already received in response to the pandemic.

11. For all applicants: Briefly describe how you plan to recover from the pandemic with Cass County ARPA Grant Funds. Include all applicable Phase III Cass County Board priorities. This will help the Cass County Board of Commissioners better understand the economic hardships in our area when representing rural areas to our state legislators. (Attach additional pages as needed)

Recovery Plan:

Section 2 - Organization Certification

Name of Authorized Business/Non-profit Representative/Local Unit of Government:

Title of Authorized Business/Non-profit Representative/Local Unit of Government:

Has the company, its board or its members authorized the business/non-profit/Local Unit of Government organization representative to make this application? ____Yes ____No

Cass County Review

Applicant acknowledges that they are making application for a Grant, and that Cass County may rely on the applicant's warranties and self-certification of eligibility in the approval process of a grant. Applicant certifies that only one application per business location was submitted. Cass County reserves the right to verify whether duplicate applications were submitted, and to eliminate duplicate applications from consideration, in Cass County's sole discretion. This information and the information provided on all accompanying documents is provided for the purpose of obtaining a grant for the Applicant. Applicant acknowledges that representations made in this application will be relied on by Cass County in its decision to award such grant. Cass County is authorized to make all inquiries it deems necessary to verify the accuracy of the information contained herein. The Applicant will promptly notify Cass County of any subsequent changes which would affect the accuracy of this information and the information provided on all accompanying documents. The Applicant understands that it is a crime to make a false representation as to their or their company's financial ability for the purpose of securing a grant. The Applicant declares under penalty of perjury that all information provided herein and on accompanying documents is true in every detail and accurately represents the financial condition of the applicant and the Business or Organization on the date given below, and that the Applicant has authorization for the business or organization to sign this form.

I hereby make application to the Cass County American Rescue Plan Act Fund. I acknowledge that this involves public dollars and I certify that I am eligible, my application is true and accurate and that I understand Minnesota Data Practices laws apply to this application and any grant agreement I may sign under it.

Dated: _____

By: _____
(Signature)

(Printed Name)