

## **COVID-19 Grant Opportunities Curated by the Nevada State Grant Office**

All COVID-19 grant opportunities will be available online [here](#).

This document has three sections: 1) Possible funding opportunities (governmental and private); 2) Nevada updates (grant-related information from Nevada's agencies and organizations); and 3) Federal updates (grant-related information from federal agencies).

### ***Possible Funding Opportunities***

#### **Community Foundation of Western Nevada**

The Community Foundation of Western Nevada's COVID-19 Relief Fund will distribute grants to individuals, businesses, governmental services, and charitable nonprofits. A fund advisory committee made up of city and county representatives in a position to be familiar with local needs will make grant recommendations to the grants to the Community Foundation Board of Trustees. The COVID-19 Relief Fund is intended to address the larger and long-term picture and take action where needed most.

For more information: <https://nevadafund.org/donors/covid-19-relief-fund/>

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#### **Facebook Small Business Grants Program**

Facebook is offering \$100 million in cash grants and ad credits for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries where they operate. The program can help a small business keep its workforce going strong, help with rent costs, connect with customers, and cover operational costs. Program application information is not yet available and will be distributed to anyone who wants to sign up for program updates.

For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/business/boost/grants>

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#### **United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra**

With support from the NV Energy Foundation, Microsoft Reno, and Bank of America, United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra (UWNNS) launched the UWNNS Emergency Assistance Fund to support local work in helping meet the increase of basic needs by local families and individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications for qualifying organizations will be available on their website.

For more information: <https://www.uwnns.org/EAF>

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#### **United Way of Southern Nevada**

Through the support of NV Energy Foundation, the Wells Fargo Foundation, and Bank of America, United Way of Southern Nevada (UWSN) launched the UWSN Emergency Assistance and Community Needs Fund to assist those impacted by COVID-19. Help will be available through UWSN's vetted partners who are experienced in providing direct service assistance. To ensure accountability of the distribution of funds, UWSN is following the same stringent guidelines that they use for the administration of Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funds through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

For more information: <https://www.uwsn.org/COVID19>

UWSN partners: [https://www.uwsn.org/sites/uwsn.org/files/2020-03/UW-075%20Flyer\\_5.5x8.5%20final.pdf](https://www.uwsn.org/sites/uwsn.org/files/2020-03/UW-075%20Flyer_5.5x8.5%20final.pdf)

### ***Nevada Updates***

#### **Southern Nevada Emergency Assistance**

United Way of Southern Nevada has coordinated nonprofit, business, and government leaders to create a COVID-19 asset map of emergency assistance in southern Nevada. This resource can assist grant stakeholders ensure the people they serve are able to find the assistance they need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information: <https://public.tableau.com/profile/united.way.of.southern.nevada#!/vizhome/COVID-19EmergencyAssistanceAssetMap/COVID-19EmergencyAssistanceAssetMap>

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### **Nevada Advisory Council on Federal Assistance: Special Projects Subcommittee**

The Nevada Advisory Council on Federal Assistance has a Special Projects Subcommittee to address legislation related to the council's biennial priorities that may be proposed for the 2020-21 Legislature. A teleconferenced meeting has been scheduled for Friday, March 27 at 8 a.m. to appoint the subcommittee chair, appoint non-council subcommittee members, and discuss next steps and meetings of the subcommittee. Per Governor Sisolak's Emergency Directive 006, there will be no physical location required for this teleconferenced meeting; public comments by teleconference are welcome.

For more information: <http://grant.nv.gov/AdvisoryCouncil/Meetings/>

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### **Nevada Grant Office Grant Management System RFI Deadline Extended**

In February, the Grant Office issued a request for information to software vendors to procure information about grant management system software products. This information will be used to inform the state's budgeting process and any future request for proposal. Originally due April 8, 2020, the RFI deadline has been extended to April 22, 2020 due to COVID-19.

For more information: <http://grant.nv.gov/GMS>

## ***Federal Updates***

### **Disaster Resource Guide from Senator Cortez Masto**

U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto unveiled a comprehensive disaster resource guide for Nevadans impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The guide includes critical information on medical care, mental health services, financial and housing assistance, aid for seniors, resources for small business owners, and more.

For more information: <https://www.cortezmasto.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/03.22.20%20COVID%2019%20Resource%20Guide%20FINAL.pdf>

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### **OMB Memorandum M-20-17**

U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a memorandum on March 19, 2020, M-20-17, Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations. This memorandum provides similar administrative relief offered in M-20-11 to an expanded scope of recipients affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 emergency. Grant recipients should direct questions on how these memos impact individual federal awards to the appropriate federal awarding agency.

For more information: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/memoranda/>

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### **OMB Grants Innovation Exchange Session re: COVID-19 Support**

Registration is now open for the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) encore March Grants Innovation Exchange Session, scheduled for Tuesday, March 31 from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. PT. The topic is "OMB Updates - Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus; and Implementation of The GREAT Act." Rhea Hubbard and Gil Tran, Senior Policy Analysts for the OMB Grants

Team, will discuss recent OMB memos ([M-20-11](#) and [M-20-17](#)), which provide administrative relief for recipient and applicants impacted by the coronavirus crisis. Also, OMB will provide an update on implantation of the GREAT Act ([P.L. 116-103](#)).

To register: <https://grants-innovation-exchange-encore-march312020.eventbrite.com/>

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### **Mental Health Resources to Respond to COVID-19**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is committed to providing regular training and technical assistance on matters related to the mental and substance use disorder field as people deal with COVID-19.

For more information: <https://mhttcnetwork.org/centers/global-mhttc/responding-covid-19>

List of TTA resources: <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/training-and-technical-assistance-covid19.pdf>

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### **COVID-19 Guidance for State Medicaid and CHIP Agencies**

Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) play a critical role in helping states and territories respond to public health events, as well as natural and human-made disasters. To assist states and territories in their preparedness efforts, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) developed a Disaster Preparedness Toolkit that is a longstanding resource that has been available to states and territories on CMS' website, Medicaid.gov.

For more information: <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/downloads/covid-19-faqs.pdf>

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### **HRSA Releases COVID-19 Funding to States**

Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) announced the release of \$100 million in fiscal year 2020 COVID-19 funding provided by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020. This includes \$515,162 to support eight health centers in Nevada.

Nevada awards: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-covid19-FY2020-awards/nv>

For more information: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions.html#funding>

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### **COVID-19 Information for SAMHSA Discretionary Grant Recipients**

SAMHSA is allowing flexibility for grant recipients affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 crisis.

For more information: <https://www.samhsa.gov/coronavirus/discretionary-grant-recipients>

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### **EAC Clarifies Allowable Use of HAVA Funds for Disinfection**

The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) responded to inquiries from state grantees about using Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant funding to pay for disinfecting wipes, masks, and other cleaning supplies in the COVID-19 pandemic. The EAC considers these allowable costs purchased to protect the health and safety of poll workers, staff, and voters during federal elections. The EAC did caution grantees to follow federal grant regulations or circulars to ensure the costs covered are reasonable and allocable. The costs can be allocated to the grants in the proportion to which they are related to the improvement of the administration of federal elections. So, if grantees buy wipes for general use in the office, the portion that can be allocated to the grant should be related to federal elections. The costs must also be reasonable.

For more information: <https://www.eac.gov/news/2020/03/17/eac-announces-additional-resources-election-officials-concerning-coronavirus-covid>

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### **Researchers Invited to Submit COVID-19-Related Research Proposals**

President Donald J. Trump announced a new, unique public-private consortium, spearheaded by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and IBM, including government, industry, and academic leaders to unleash the power of America's supercomputing resources to combat COVID-19. The launch of the COVID-19 High Performance Computing Consortium will provide COVID-19 researchers with access to the world's most powerful high performance computing resources that can significantly advance the pace of scientific discovery in the fight to stop the virus. Researchers are invited to submit COVID-19-related research proposals to the consortium via the online portal which will then be reviewed and matched with computing resources from one of the partner institutions. An expert panel of top scientists and computing researchers will work with proposers to quickly assess the public health benefit of the work and coordinate the allocation of the group's powerful computing assets.

For more information: <https://www.energy.gov/articles/president-trump-announces-new-effort-unleash-us-supercomputing-resources-fight-covid-19>

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### **FEMA COVID-19 Guidance: Procurements Under Grants During Periods of Exigent or Emergency Circumstances**

Subsequent to the President's March 13, 2020 Nationwide Emergency Declaration for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is issuing a fact sheet addressing procurements made during periods of exigent or emergency circumstances.

For more information: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/186350>

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### **Using HOPWA Program Funds for Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response**

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grantees may use HOPWA funds for a range of eligible activities to prepare for and respond to infectious diseases such as the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

For more information: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Using-HOPWA-Program-Funds-for-Infectious-Disease-Preparedness-and-Response.pdf>

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### **Batched HHS COVID-19 Information from OCS**

The Office of Community Services (OCS) is batching up information provided from U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services (HHS) divisions on key issues to keep grantees up to date. OCS highly values ongoing partnership with grantees and hopes to continue to be a resource as grantees implement community mitigation techniques.

For more information: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/resource/partnership-to-address-covid-19-spread>

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### **Flexibility for CCDF Spending**

The Office of Child Care (OCC) recognizes that state, territory and tribal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Lead Agencies are concerned about the impact the coronavirus may have on their programs and other programs they work with. Child care providers should take steps to prevent the introduction and spread of coronavirus among their staff, children, and families. Through collaboration and coordination with local health departments, programs can take steps to disseminate information about the disease and its potential transmission. In addition, CCDF Lead Agencies can adopt subsidy policies that promote continuity of child

care services to impacted children and families, and that maintain support for child care businesses during closures or other disrupters.

*For more information:* <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/info-about-covid-19-for-ccdf-lead-agencies-relevant-flexibilities-in-ccdf-law>

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### **\$100 Million in Dislocated Worker Grants**

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced the availability of up to \$100 million for Dislocated Worker Grants to help address the workforce-related impacts of the public health emergency related to COVID-19. The Nevada Dept. of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) confirmed they had a pre-award call for with DOL, who will be issuing additional guidance to states. DETR will share that information when it becomes available.

*For more information:* <https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/eta/eta20200318>

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### **FNS Response to COVID-19**

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) intends to use all available program flexibilities and contingencies to serve its Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) program participants across its fifteen nutrition programs. USDA has already begun to issue waivers to ease program operations and protect the health of participants.

*For more information:* <https://www.fns.usda.gov/disaster/pandemic/covid-19>

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### **FTA Increases Flexibilities to Help States Address COVID-19**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) expanded eligibility for federal assistance under FTA's emergency relief program. This includes allowing all transit providers to use federal formula funds for emergency-related capital and operating expenses and raising the cap on the federal share of those expenses.

*For more information:* <https://www.transit.dot.gov/about/news/us-department-transportation-announces-increased-flexibility-help-transit-agencies>