

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA
Nonprofit Sustainability Grant
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Q – Who is administering this program?

A – Fairfax County staff will be administering the Social Safety Net Nonprofit Sustainability Grant Program.

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Q – Where is the money for the grants coming from?

A – This grant is funded by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Fairfax County received CARES Act funding on March 27, 2020.

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Q - Are faith-based organizations eligible?

A – Faith-based organizations may apply for funding if they are designated as a 501(c)3 or 501(c)19 organization.

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Q – Will documentation be necessary to provide at the end of the grant?

A – Documentation will be required and successful awardees will receive information on these requirements.

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Q – Who do I contact if I have questions?

A - Please submit questions regarding this grant application to dpmmnsgrant@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-2861.

6.

Q – Why is this grant only available for social safety net nonprofits?

A – Social safety net nonprofit organizations are a critical part of Fairfax County’s health and human services system, working closely with our local government to serve the most vulnerable individuals and to build stronger, more equitable communities. We understand that nonprofit organizations may be experiencing an increasing demand for safety net services, while withstanding organizational challenges limiting their capacity to fulfill their missions.

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Q – Why is this program only open one week?

A – The goal is to get funding to qualified nonprofit organizations as quickly as possible. The application itself is relatively short and a longer process would delay payments.

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Q – What is a DUNS Number?

A – A Dun & Bradstreet D-U-N-S Number is a unique nine-digit identifier for businesses. For more information, or to obtain a D-U-N-S Number, visit <https://www.dnb.com/duns-number.html>. Applicants are not required to have a D-U-N-S number.

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Q – If my organization received funding from Fairfax County’s Microloan program, am I eligible to apply for the NSG grant?

A – No, you can only receive funds from one Fairfax County loan or grants program.

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Q - Will a business be able to receive both Federal and State, in addition to Fairfax County relief?

A - We recognize the economic dilemma facing many of those in the county’s business community. We encourage nonprofit organizations to apply for the array of Federal and State financial assistance programs for which you are eligible. Your application for, or receipt of, federal or state funds does not disqualify you from receiving Fairfax County funds, although funds cannot not be used for the same purpose. Nonprofit organizations will be required to demonstrate that grants funds were utilized for eligible expenses.

11.

Q – Are nonprofit organizations located outside Fairfax County eligible to apply?

A – Yes, if your organization serves Fairfax County residents.

12.

Q – What is the definition of a Social Safety Net organization?

A - A social safety net organization is one which provides services in one or more of the seven categories listed [here](#) and is focused on primarily serving people from communities who are more vulnerable to self-sufficiency problems, including people with limited income; immigrants

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and refugees; people with disabilities; and, people who are historically subject to disparate access to opportunities.

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Q – Does it matter if I submit my application online or mail it to the provided address?

A – Either option is acceptable, but if mailing, please notify us via phone or email to expect your application - dpmmsgrant@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-2861.

14.

Q - When is the deadline to submit?

A – The NSG application is due at 2:00 p.m. on May 22, 2020; late applications will not be considered for award. Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than May 22.

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Q - Will the application be available in multiple languages?

A – The application is only available in English.

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Q - Will I get confirmation that my application has been received?

A – Yes, you will get a confirmation email when your application is received.

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Q -How long will this process take; when can I expect to get the money?

A – We will work as quickly as possible to review applications and make determination. We are anticipating announcing awards no later than the week of June 1, 2020.

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Q - How can I check on the status of my application?

A – Both successful and unsuccessful organizations will be notified via email.

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Q - Will my information be kept confidential?

A - Financial information is kept confidential. Organizations that receive grants, and the dollar amount of the grant received, are public information.

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Q – What are the grant amounts?

A - \$25,000; \$50,000 and \$75,000. Grant amounts will be based on the size and operating budget of each organization.

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Q - Will I need to pay the money back?

A - This is a grant, not a loan, so you will not need to pay it back as long as you comply with all the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. Funds that are not utilized during the period of performance (March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020) for eligible expenditures will need to be returned to Fairfax County.

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Q - What restrictions will be placed on the funds granted?

A - Funds received from Fairfax County in response to this application for sustainability grant funding will only be used to cover costs that:

1. Are reasonable and necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
2. Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends December 30, 2020; and,
3. Are in accordance with all applicable state, local, and federal laws.

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Q - Are grants to support project expenses related to COVID-19 response, or organizational capacity for nonprofits responding to COVID-19? For example, are "rent payments" rental assistance that a nonprofit is providing to community members, or rent that nonprofits are paying for their program/office space?

A: Grants are not intended to be used for direct assistance to residents. Funding is intended to ensure the sustainability and maintain the organizational capacity of the nonprofit organization. In the example provided, grant funds would be used to pay rent for the nonprofit's program/office space.