



COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP)

No later than March 15, 2021, Northwest Pennsylvania Regional Planning & Development Commission is inviting hospitality businesses adversely impacted by COVID-19 located in Clarion, Forest, Venango and Warren Counties to apply for grant funds received through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under Act 1 of 2021 (SB 109). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until funding has been exhausted, or June 15, 2021, whichever occurs first.

Business Eligibility

Eligible applicants for CHIRP funds must meet all of the following criteria:

- Has a North American Industry Classification System (NAICS code) designation within the Accommodation subsector (721) or Food Services and Drinking Places subsector (722). Accommodations, food and/or drink may be provided for the public with or without a charge;
- Has fewer than 300 full-time equivalent employees;
- The business has a tangible net worth no more than \$15 million;
- Was in operation on February 15, 2020, remains in operation and does not intend to permanently cease operations within one year of the application date;
- COVID-19 has had a negative impact on the business that makes the grant necessary to support on-going operations;
- Had a reduction in gross receipts of at least 25% during 2020 compared to the same time period of 2019.

Grants shall be awarded in amounts no less than \$5,000

Conditions & Exclusions

Grant awards may not be used to pay the same eligible operating expenses for which an eligible business received payment, reimbursement or loan forgiveness from any of the following:

- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, commonly known as the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136, 134 Stat. 281)
- The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182)
- The COVID-19 Emergency Supplement to the General Appropriations Act of 2019 (Act 2A of 2020)

For questions or to be informed when the application is available, please contact (814) 677-4800 ext. 115 or rebeccab@northwestpa.org