

# County of Butler

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## **COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP)**

### **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants shall be hospitality industry businesses that have a North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) designation within the Accommodation subsector (721) or Food Services and Drinking Places subsector (722) and where accommodations, food or drink is served to or provided for the public, with or without charge. Eligible business will be required to have fewer than 300 full-time equivalent employees; have a maximum tangible net worth of not more than \$15 million; was in operation on February 15, 2020, and remains in operation and does not intend to permanently cease operations within one year of the date of application; and COVID-19 has had an adverse economic impact on the eligible business which makes the grant request necessary to support the ongoing operations.

### **Minimum and Maximum Distribution Amounts**

Grant funds provided will be awarded to eligible businesses as defined in Act 1 of 2021 to alleviate revenue losses and pay eligible operating expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The minimum grant for eligible businesses is \$5,000. A grant awarded to an individual applicant shall not exceed \$50,000. Further awards will be made to the nearest \$5,000 increment, as an example a \$9,900 loss would result in a \$5,000 grant and similarly a \$10,100 would be awarded at \$10,000.

## **Conditions and 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)

Receipt of a loan or grant issued under the authority of the Federal Government or the Commonwealth shall not disqualify an eligible business from eligibility for the CHIRP grant.

## **How to Apply**

CHIRP applications will be available on the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission's (SPC) website ([www.spcregion.org](http://www.spcregion.org)) on March 15, 2021, and the application period will remain open until all of the funding provided to the county is exhausted, or June 15, 2021, whichever occurs first.

SPC is assisting businesses in Butler County with the application submission process. Business owners can prepare to complete the application by gathering their 2019 business tax return, 2020 business financial statements, and copies of their business's Articles of Incorporation/LLC operating agreement/Partnership agreement.