

RELIEF Fund Act of 2021

Funding Assistance to the Maryland Volunteer Fire and EMS Service

FUND APPLICATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

- **If a Department received CARES Act funds during CY 2020 does that preclude them from eligibility for funding from the RELIEF Fund Act of 2021?**
 - *NO. Most Companies/Departments did receive some CARES Act funding to support the purchase of PPE, supplies etc. That will not disqualify them from applying. However, if CARES Act funding was used to replace or supplant loss of revenue during CY 2020, that may preclude a Department from being eligible for funding from the RELIEF Fund Act of 2021.*
- **What forms does a Department need to submit to verify income and expenses?**
 - *IRS Tax Form 990 and specifically pages 1, 2 and 9 which covers Part I, II, III and VIII of the Form is required.*
- **What if a Department does not have an IRS Tax Form 990 for 2020? What should they do to report loss of revenue?**
 - *In the event a Department does NOT have a Form 990 for 2020, they should submit a Profit/Loss Statement that clearly reflects revenues received and expenses related to CY 2020.*
- **If a Company/Department is awarded funding from the RELIEF Fund Act of 2021, when will they receive their money?**
 - *Disbursement of funds from the RELIEF Fund Act of 2021 will be completed during this fiscal year, prior to June 30, 2021.*

- **Can a Department apply for funding from the RELIEF Fund Act of 2021 more than one time during 2021?**
 - *No, there is only one (1) application period between March 10, 2021 and April 23, 2021. Only one (1) application per Department.*

- **Are there specific limitations on what funds received from the RELIEF Fund Act of 2021 can be used for?**
 - *NO, there are no specific limitations on the use of the funds. However, as a reminder, funds provided by the RELIEF Fund Act of 2021 are intended to replace lost revenue due to COVID-19 during CY 2020.*

- **Will this grant opportunity be available to the volunteer fire and EMS service next year?**
 - *At this time there is no indication there will be another RELIEF Fund Act next year or beyond.*

- **What if a Department does not apply by the April 23, 2021 deadline, are they still eligible to receive funding from the RELIEF Fund Act of 2021?**
 - *There is NO guarantee that if a Department misses the deadline, they will receive any funds this year from the RELIEF Fund Act of 2021.*

- **What is the maximum amount available per Department and what is the minimum?**
 - *The maximum amount will be determined by the number of eligible Departments that apply that will share \$4 million. The minimum amount an eligible Department may receive is \$5,000.*

- **Who should Department's contact should they have further questions?**
 - *Questions should be addressed to robert.thomasjr@maryland.gov. Response will be provided within 24 hours of receipt.*

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