



Okaloosa County to Offer a New Round of Grant and Assistance Programs

Applications Being Accepted Starting October 12, 2020

Through the Federal CARES Act funding, Okaloosa County and all of the Cities have joined together to offer a variety of grant and other assistance programs to help our communities cope with the affects of COVID-19. Up to **\$25,000** is available in some cases and this assistance has categories for:

- Businesses
- Non-profits
- Individuals

The application portal will open on Monday, October 12 and end as early as October 26 (2 weeks) for some grants.

Each of these grants and programs have varying application and eligibility deadlines so it will be important to become very familiar with all parameters prior to applying. Here is a broad overview or [click HERE](#) to be brought directly to the Okaloosa County Community Assistance Grants and Programs page.

- Business Adaptation and Modification Expenses related to COVID-19, to include actual or proposed business modification expenses related to physically and/or functionally adapting the business to meet officially required or recommended official guidance related to COVID-19
- Information Technology (IT) improvements directly tied to customer contact and service
- Business Interruption Costs resulting from COVID-19 experienced by the business
- Non-profit programs serving families and individuals in Okaloosa County specifically impacted by COVID-19, to include but not limited to technology changes, food pantries and medical services
- Business Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) expenses and sanitization supplies related to COVID-19 that directly impacted the business's employees and customers to include Social Distancing Mitigation Efforts (floor stickers, posted signage, and Tensabarriers)
- Individual Medical Expenses including testing, prescription medications, breathing treatments, therapeutics, co-pays, and deductibles related to COVID-19 medical treatment. Outpatient treatments and overnight or inpatient hospitalization may also be eligible.
- Housing Assistance, such as rental, mortgage, and utility assistance as well as housing re-entry assistance (Can pay security deposit if move is necessary due to COVID-19)

- Unemployment Assistance, a one-stop shop of gathered job seeker resources, links and videos from experts, and other related resources for unemployed Okaloosa citizens

For more information and details required, visit the Okaloosa County Community Assistance Grants and Programs page [HERE!](#)



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