



## **Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds** **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

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*Questions added or updated are designated by an annotation in green.*

The following are FAQs related to the Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds. The answers below were provided by the Clark County Manager's Office and the Clark County Finance Department.

Some of these answers are based on the United States Department of Treasury's (Treasury) Interim Final Rule. Treasury's [Final Rule](#) details recipients' compliance responsibilities and provides additional information on eligible and restricted uses of Fiscal Recovery Funds and reporting requirements. It is Clark County's responsibility for determining eligibility and monitoring use of awarded funds.

The final rule is effective on April 1, 2022. Treasury intends to update this document periodically in response to questions received from stakeholders. Recipients also may find helpful the [Overview of the Final Rule](#), which provides a summary of major provisions of the final rule for informational purposes. Treasury has also published a [FAQ document](#) regarding the Fiscal Recovery Funds. The FAQs in this document are applicable to the final rule, although readers will notice that many have been incorporated from the FAQs that were available in connection with the interim final rule, because they remain applicable. Answers to frequently asked questions that are unique to the interim final rule remain available at [Interim Final Rule: Frequently Asked Questions](#). The document will be updated periodically in response to questions received from stakeholders.

**Due to the future guidance from Treasury, answers to these FAQs could change. As applicable, Clark County will update these FAQs once future guidance is released. All updates will be posted on the Clark County website.**

If you have an additional question(s) related to the Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds, please email [CCFiscalRecoveryFunds@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:CCFiscalRecoveryFunds@ClarkCountyNV.gov).

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### **General Application Questions:**

- 1. Why were some community stakeholders and non-profit organizations allowed to submit full applications? (Updated 5/24/2022)**

The Clark County Manager's Office received direction from the Clark County Commission to solicit full applications for the Fiscal Recovery Funds from those non-profit organizations and community stakeholders that could be implemented within 90 days to address the immediate needs of the community. The pre-applications that were evaluated for immediate response were also reviewed for the following criteria:

The program is eligible under the U.S. Treasury's [Final Rule](#);

- a.
- b. The applicant provided a current State business license or certificate of good standing; and
- c. The applicant provided a signed conflict of interest attestation.

Those community stakeholders and non-profit organizations were notified by Clark County.

Remaining pre-applications will be reviewed at a subsequent date by Clark County.

**2. My project is large in scope, and it encompasses more than one (1) eligible use. Do I submit one (1) application or more than one (1) application? (Added 10/19/2021)**

If your program is large in scope and would encompass more than one (1) eligible use, please submit subsequent applications. You can access the list of eligible uses at: <https://bit.ly/2Uv2QDw>.

**3. Why was only one (1) of my pre-applications advanced to the full application? Should I submit the full application for the one (1) pre-application that was advanced? (Updated 11/9/2021)**

Clark County identified one (1) of your pre-applications as a program that could respond to the immediate needs in the community within 90 days. You should submit a full application for that program. Remaining pre-applications will be reviewed at a subsequent date by Clark County.

**4. I am currently completing the full application, and I have a question regarding the template for question nine (9) on the application. Since the template is a reporting template, what part of the template must I complete? (Added 10/19/2021)**

The Program Outcomes and Performance Measures Quarterly Report to Clark County templates have been included as a reference for what your organization will be required to submit to Clark County, if funding is awarded. At this time, you should complete the section "Additional Performance Indicators," in order to answer question nine (9). You should describe your objectives and intended outcomes. Additionally, you should provide performance indicators that you intend to track for your program.

If you need further clarification regarding this question, please email [CCFiscalRecoveryFunds@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:CCFiscalRecoveryFunds@ClarkCountyNV.gov).

**5. What is the review process for the full application? (Added 10/19/2021)**

Following submission of the full application, Clark County will evaluate each application using the criteria below with the intention of at least 25% of total funding allocated to programs that benefit low-income households and impoverished neighborhoods. The evaluation criteria include the following:

- a. Provides assistance in [OCTs](#) and to disproportionately impacted communities;

- b. Aligns with the State of Nevada’s top four (4) recovery strategies as presented in the [Every Nevadan Recovery Framework](#);
- c. Aligns with County priorities;
- d. Aligns with regional needs assessments;
- e. Provides measurable and proven outcomes;
- f. Leverages delivery of a County service to expand capacity;
- g. Uses service providers with a demonstrated commitment to inclusionary and diversity practices;
- h. Fiscal sustainability;
- i. Benefits low-income and/or impoverished neighborhoods; and
- j. Leverages a non-County funding source.

For further information about Clark County’s prioritization approach, refer to Clark County’s Initial Strategy section of this Guide or the [Clark County Recovery Plan Performance Report](#).

**General Pre-Application Questions:**

**6. My program is needed immediately. Is Clark County taking any steps to fund programs quickly? ( Updated 5/24/2022)**

The County is currently evaluating pre-applications for immediate response and recovery programs for the following criteria:

- a. The program is eligible under the U.S. Treasury’s [Final Rule](#);
- b. The applicant provided a current State business license or certificate of good standing; and
- c. The applicant provided a signed conflict of interest attestation.

Applicants meeting the requirements above will be provided a final application for completion. All remaining pre-applications will be evaluated on October 31, 2021.

**7. Why has the pre-application period extended until October 31, 2021? (Added 8/24/2021)**

Due to the continued response to the health and economic impacts of COVID-19 and community engagement with County stakeholders, it was determined that additional time was needed to identify the mid and long-term recovery needs. In the meantime, the County is evaluating pre-applications for immediate response and recovery programs.

**8. What if I omitted my organization’s business license, certificate of good standing, or conflict of interest attestation? Will my application be denied? (Added 8/24/2021)**

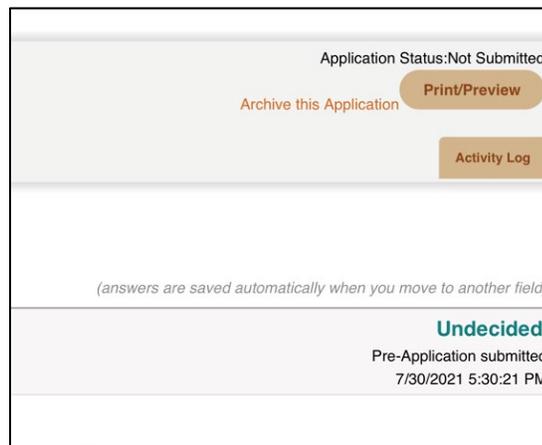
If the applicant has omitted a business license, certificate of good standing, or the conflict of interest attestation, the County will email the applicant a request for the omitted documents.

**9. Can my organization submit a pre-application if we previously did not submit a pre-application? Can my organization submit an additional pre-application? (Added 8/24/2021)**

Yes. The pre-application will remain open until October 31, 2021. Applications received will be evaluated at the close of the application period.

**10. My overall application status on ZoomGrants states “Not Submitted.” How can I ensure that Clark County received my pre-application? (Added 8/24/2021)**

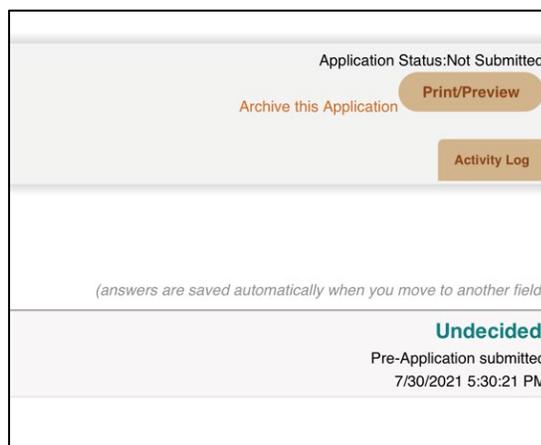
Your application status on ZoomGrants may state “Not Submitted,” as that relates to both your **pre and final** application. This status will not change until a final application is completed. Final applications have not been provided yet. If your **pre-application** status on ZoomGrants states “Undecided,” Clark County has received your pre-application. A screenshot has been provided for your reference.



**11. I have an option to archive my ZoomGrants pre-application. I want to ensure that Clark County received my pre-application. (Added 8/24/2021)**

On ZoomGrants, you may see an option to “Archive this Application.” The option is provided to organizations to select if they no longer want to continue with the overall application process. If you select “Archive this Application,” your pre-application will not be evaluated.

If your pre-application status on ZoomGrants states “Undecided,” Clark County has received your pre-application. Final applications have not been provided yet. A screenshot has been provided for your reference.



**12. Why is my pre-application status on ZoomGrants “Undecided” or “Archived?” (Updated 5/24/2022)**

The County is currently evaluating pre-applications for immediate response and recovery programs for the following criteria:

- a. The program is eligible under the U.S. Treasury’s [Final Rule](#);
- b. The applicant provided a current State business license or certificate of good standing; and
- c. The applicant provided a signed conflict of interest attestation.

After this evaluation is completed, the “Undecided” or “Archived” status on ZoomGrants will change.

**13. I noticed that the ZoomGrants portal is still open for pre-applications. My organization previously applied. Do I need to submit anything else? (Added 5/24/2022)**

The ZoomGrants portal remains open until October 31, 2021 for additional funding requests. If you have already submitted a pre-application, *please do not submit a duplicative request in ZoomGrants.*

The County is currently evaluating pre-applications for immediate response and recovery programs for the following criteria:

- a. The program is eligible under the U.S. Treasury's [Final Rule](#);
- b. The applicant provided a current State business license or certificate of good standing; and
- c. The applicant provided a signed conflict of interest attestation.

Applicants meeting the requirements above will be provided a final application for completion. All remaining applications will be evaluated at the close of the pre-application period on October 31, 2021.

**14. If an organization has more than one (1) project, should they submit one (1) application for everything or multiple applications? (Updated 10/19/2021)**

An organization that has more than one (1) project may submit multiple applications to ensure that Clark County receives information about each project due to the character limits on the pre-applications.

If your program is large in scope and would encompass more than one (1) eligible use, please submit subsequent pre-applications. You can access the list of eligible uses at: <https://bit.ly/2Uv2QDw>.

**15. Which application should I submit? (Updated 5/24/2022)**

If you are providing household assistance, job training, or services to disproportionately impacted communities, you should submit the ZoomGrants pre-application. The ZoomGrants pre-application is available at: <https://bit.ly/3kE1lxv>.

If you are going to address concerns related to public health, safety, water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, you should submit the infrastructure pre-application. The infrastructure pre-application is available at: <https://bit.ly/3izOgTd>.

If you have an eligible use as defined in Treasury's [Final Rule](#); but are unsure of what application to complete, please email [CCFiscalRecoveryFunds@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:CCFiscalRecoveryFunds@ClarkCountyNV.gov).

**16. What is the response length for the open-ended questions on the pre-applications?**

The open-ended questions on the pre-application are limited to 300 words. Be concise as possible while still providing a description of the valuable components of the program.

**17. The pre-application is noted as "required." Does this mean that an organization that does not submit this pre-application, or is not invited to submit an application after review, will not be eligible for any future funds from this or related programs? (Updated 8/24/2021)**

It is anticipated that there will be a roll out of applications over the recovery period. Clark County may award Fiscal Recovery Funds through December 31, 2024.

In the pre-application, please specify the estimated needs over a period of time.

**Eligibility Questions:**

**18. If our organization does not have a certificate of good standing from the Nevada Secretary of State or a Nevada State Business License, are there other documents that we can submit instead (e.g., 501 (c) (3) letter)?**

No. Applicants who do not possess either of these documents should apply for a Nevada State Business License and note the status of the business license application in their application for Fiscal Recovery Funds.

**Priority Questions:**

**19. Did the Clark County Board of County Commissioners set the priorities for the Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds? (Added 8/24/2021)**

On August 16, 2021, the Clark County Board of County Commissioners (County Commission) determined the priorities for the use of the Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds. You can access the presentation about the priorities here: <https://bit.ly/3kkOpuv>.

**Funding Questions:**

**20. At this time, is the County setting a minimum or maximum amount per award, the number of estimated awards, or total program funding?**

At this time, the County has not set a minimum or maximum amount per award, the number of estimated awards, or the total program funding. It was determined to not set such thresholds in order to understand and access the needs of the community.

In addition, some smaller non-profit organizations may not have the infrastructure in place to meet the reporting requirements as outlined in the [Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds Application Instructions and Guide](#). However, there could be less restrictive funding available at a future date.

**21. Are we obligated to stick to the funding amount we request in the pre-application in the final proposal?**

No. Clark County recognizes the requested funding amount in the pre-application may change with the final application.

**22. Will the funds cover programs, as well as construction of a facility? (Updated 5/24/2022)**

Construction of a facility may be an eligible use under the Treasury's [Final Rule](#). If you have identified construction of a facility as part of your program, please include how the facility will contribute to the recovery of the community and the estimated timeline.

Further information related to eligible uses is available in the in [the Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds Application Instructions and Guide](#) and in the [Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Manual](#) published by Treasury.

### **23. Can the grant partially over indirect costs to administer the grant? (Updated 5/24/2022)**

Treasury's [Final Rule](#) and guidance and the Uniform Guidance outline the types of costs that are allowable. Recipients may use funds for administering the Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds program, including costs of consultants to support effective management and oversight, including consultation for ensuring compliance with legal, regulatory, and other requirements.<sup>1</sup>

Indirect costs are general overhead costs of an organization where a portion of such costs are allocable to the Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds award such as the cost of facilities or administrative functions like a director's office.<sup>2</sup>

Each category of cost should be treated consistently in like circumstances as direct or indirect, and recipients may not charge the same administrative costs to both direct and indirect cost categories, or to other programs. If a recipient has a current Negotiated Indirect Costs Rate Agreement (NICRA) established with a Federal cognizant agency responsible for reviewing, negotiating, and approving cost allocation plans or indirect cost proposals, then the recipient may use its current NICRA. Alternatively, if the recipient does not have a NICRA, the recipient may elect to use the de minimis rate of 10 percent of the modified total direct costs pursuant to 2 CFR 200.414 (f).

Further information related to eligible uses is available in the in the [Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds Application Instructions and Guide](#) and in the [Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Manual](#) published by Treasury.

### **24. With the Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds, are non-profit agencies allowed to apply for funding to purchase real property to provide the services?**

Any purchase of equipment or real property with the Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds must be consistent with the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart D. Equipment and real property acquired under this program must be used for the originally authorized purpose. Consistent with 2 CFR 200.311 and 2 CFR 200.313, any equipment or real property acquired using the Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds shall vest in the non-Federal entity. Any acquisition and maintenance of equipment or real property must also be in compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

Further information related to eligible uses is available in the in the [Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds Application Instructions and Guide](#) and in the [Compliance and Reporting Guidance: State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Manual](#) published by Treasury.

### **25. Will any funding be committed based on these pre-applications, or will all organizations submitting a pre-application be required to complete a full application?**

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<sup>1</sup> Recipients also may use the Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds directly for administrative costs to improve efficacy of programs that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency. 31 CFR 35.6 (b) (10).

<sup>2</sup> 2 CFR 200.414 Indirect Costs.

Although the County Commission may allocate funding for specific programs with the approval of the recovery program, a full application will be required by all applicants receiving an award of Fiscal Recovery Funds.

**26. If we are requesting funds for construction and associated programs that will be provided in the new facility, should there be separate applications for each construction and program service?**

If you are requesting funds for construction and associated programs, you should submit a separate application for the facility and an application for each program. In your construction application, you should list all programs that would be supported by the construction of the facility.

**Qualified Census Tract Questions:**

**27. Does our organization need to be located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT)?**

No, your organization does not need to be located in a Qualified Census Tract (QCT).

Under the guidance for the Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds, local governments have been afforded greater discretion in designated low-income areas. There are approximately 100 of these QCTs within Clark County. This additional discretion is intended to allow local governments to address systematic public health and economic challenges that hinder these communities. Treasury will presume that types of eligible programs and services are eligible uses when provided in a QCT, to families and individuals living in QCTs. Which of the following eligible uses does your program best align with?

*Note*, if you select one (1) of the evidence-based eligible uses, you must comply with page 26 of Treasury's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Compliance and Reporting Guidance. More information is available at: <https://bit.ly/3hnSloN>.

Clark County is available for assistance in determining the data to support the services provide in QCTs.

For more information on QCTs, visit: <https://bit.ly/3AtUeOf>.

**28. For question two (2) on the pre-application, do those eligible uses need to be in a QCT?**

For the eligible uses listed on question two (2), those do not need to be provided in a QCT. For the eligible uses listed on question three (3), those services do need to be provided in a QCT.

More information related to the eligible uses is available in the [Clark County Fiscal Recovery Funds Application Instructions and Guide](#).

For more information on QCTs, visit: <https://bit.ly/3AtUeOf>.

**Phase 3A:**

**29. Our organization is a for-profit business. Do you have to be a non-profit to apply for funding? (Added 5/24/2022)**

This application is limited to non-profit organizations only. Organizations who have not been approved as a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service at the time of submitting the final application are not eligible to apply and will not be considered.

**30. Can a for-profit business partner with a non-profit to meet eligibility requirements? (Added 5/24/2022)**

A business/LLC must partner with a non-profit agency if applying. You will need to provide the partnering non-profit agency's Form 990 / audited financial statement in their attachments. If a project is awarded grant funding, the non-profit will be named on and responsible for the grant agreement requirements, reimbursement requests and reporting, and payments will be made directly to the non-profit. The non-profit will contract with the business on a sub-award.

**Reimbursements:**

**31. Should ARPA Request for Reimbursements be submitted via email or Zoom Grants? (Added 5/24/2022)**

Requests for Reimbursements (RFRs) should be submitted via email to [ARPA\\_RFR@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:ARPA_RFR@ClarkCountyNV.gov) utilizing the RFR template provided to your organization by the grant coordinator. Additionally, any questions about reimbursements can also be directed to this email account.

**32. Does Clark County reimburse sales tax on purchases made by your organization? (Added 6/23/2022)**

If your organization makes purchases with Fiscal Recovery funding, the sales tax will not be reimbursed. Clark County is a political subdivision of the State of Nevada and under provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes 372.325 and is exempt from payment of Sales Tax or Use Tax. The statute provides exemptions for non-profit organizations that qualify, apply and receive approval from the Department of Taxation.

To check if your organization qualifies for exemption status and how to apply to receive a letter stating the exempt status, please visit:

[https://tax.nv.gov/FAQs/Sales\\_Tax\\_Information\\_\\_FAQ\\_s/#:~:text=Nevada%20Revised%20Statute%20\(NRS\)%20372.326,by%20the%20Department%20of%20Taxation](https://tax.nv.gov/FAQs/Sales_Tax_Information__FAQ_s/#:~:text=Nevada%20Revised%20Statute%20(NRS)%20372.326,by%20the%20Department%20of%20Taxation).

**33. Are cash payments reimbursable? (Added 7/6/2022)**

Cash payments of any kind are **NOT** reimbursable. Reimbursement requests with the following forms of payment will **not** be accepted:

- Cashiers check
- Money order
- Cash receipts

- ATM withdrawals/deposits

Acceptable forms of reimbursable payments require proof of payment such as:

- Cleared check
- Credit card
- Bank statement
- ACH or electronic transfer

If you have questions about reimbursements, please email [CCFiscalRecoveryFunds@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:CCFiscalRecoveryFunds@ClarkCountyNV.gov).