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Important Local CURE Deadline Updates: More Time to Claim Funding for Reimbursement and Grants

Congress has recently modified the CARES Act to expand the deadline for Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) allocations to states and localities. As such, the State is modifying the Local CURE program to allow local governments (LGUs) more time to claim CRF funds allocated to them.

Changes to the Local CURE program will permit LGUs the needed flexibility to submit costs for reimbursement under both the core Local CURE program and Local CURE's Economic Support Payments (ES) Program.

Extended Deadline: The deadline to submit costs for reimbursement will be expanded to January 31, 2022, granting LGUs another year to submit costs incurred from March 1 – December 30, 2020. Additionally, DCEO will provide more flexibility to LGUs with existing economic support programs. Local governments with ES Program grants are being asked to complete a survey; based on responses DCEO will be approving grant modifications which will make sure no funds under the ES program are lapsed. If local governments need more time or additional flexibility with ES awards, DCEO will be approving scope changes and giving optional date extensions to June 30, 2021.

Although DCEO will now permit requests for reimbursement through January 31, 2022, the statutes underlying the program still limit Local CURE reimbursements to costs incurred under the original deadline of December 30, 2020. DCEO is optimistic that working with the General Assembly a state of Illinois statutory change will soon permit costs after December 30, 2020, and the Local CURE team will provide additional updates when appropriate.

Allotment Transfers: Due to the added flexibility within the Local CURE program, the originally planned reallocation of Local CURE funds within Allotment A (counties and municipalities) and Allotment B (local health departments) will no longer occur. All funds initially allotted to counties, municipalities, and local health departments will remain allotted as such through the new deadline of January 31, 2022, for costs which were incurred from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. For additional flexibility DCEO will be approving allotment transfers between counties and local health departments, when requested by entities with unspent funds.

Audit Requirements Reminder: As a recipient of Local CURE funding, your entity is required to comply with 2 CFR 200- Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, Subpart F- Audit Requirements, because the Local CURE program was funded by the federal CARES Act.

The federal Audit Requirements (2 CFR 200 Subpart F) requires an entity that expends \$750,000 or more in Federal awards (or federal pass through funds) during the entity's fiscal year to have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that fiscal year.

To determine whether a single audit is required, your entity must account for Local CURE reimbursable expenditures in the fiscal year during which the expenditure occurred. This includes pre award costs starting March 1, 2020 allowed to be reimbursed through the program. It is necessary for your entity and its auditors to determine the effects pre award costs have on current and prior issued audits. This may include updates to major federal program determinations for current or prior issued single audits.

Any questions regarding audit requirements can be sent to CEO.Accountability@Illinois.gov.

Other Updates: Since the program launched last fall, DCEO has authorized the release of over \$188 million in reimbursements for COVID-19 related emergency costs incurred by local governments, including over \$18 million in ES Program grants administered by 60 different local governments throughout the state.

Over the last month alone, more than \$36 million has been disbursed to LGUs for their COVID-19 related expenses, with most funds going toward public safety and public health employee payrolls.

DCEO continues to work closely with legislators, counties, municipalities and many other units of government to support local officials with navigating all federal requirements of this program, and to provide assistance with utilizing the maximum amount of funding available to them under this program. This includes ongoing work with the Illinois Municipal League (IML), which has partnered closely with the state on raising awareness as well as informing these recent changes to the program rules.

For more information or technical assistance on the Local CURE program, please visit [DCEO's website](#).