

Who can apply?

The criteria to apply for this grant are intentionally brief:

- You must be 18 years or older,
- You must have lost income based on COVID-19, either through a reduction in hours or a furlough/layoff,
- You must currently be, or have recently been, an employee of an Indiana based tax-exempt youth serving organization or school, and
- All grants funds will be electronically deposited. You must be able to receive an electronic bank transfer of funds.

How do you define youth worker?

A youth worker is a person whose job involves providing support and activities for children and youth. For this grant, you must be employed by, or have recently been employed, an Indiana-based youth serving organization or school.

I am a self-employed individual or contractor who has lost revenue due to COVID-19. Can I still apply for this grant?

Unfortunately, no. To be eligible for this grant, you need to be employed by, or have been recently employed by, a tax-exempt youth serving organization or school.

What types of lost income are eligible to help me determine if I qualify for this grant?

You qualify if you have lost income due to:

- Canceled or postponed programs, classes, events, etc.
- Reduced work hours based on organization changes related to COVID-19.
- Organizational closures or suspended operations.

Do I need to upload documentation (contracts, confirmation letters, etc.) of my lost income?

No. You will simply report the name of the youth serving organization where you work. If your position has been eliminated based on COVID-19, you will report the organization name and the date of separation. We reserve the right to ask for documentation regarding a minimum of \$500 of specific losses, if any questions arise.

I have lost more than \$500 in income. May I apply to get more than one grant?

No, unfortunately you can only apply for one grant in this fiscal year (FY19/20).

If I meet the eligibility requirements and I apply, will I definitely receive a grant?

We anticipate receiving more applications than we have funds to award. To get the funds to youth workers as quickly as possible, we are distributing the funds by submission date.

If I am awarded a grant, when can I expect to receive the money?

After you submit the application and the other required paperwork, we expect to electronically deposit your grant within a week.

Is the grant taxable?

Yes. According to IRS guidelines, the grant money you receive is considered taxable income.

Are Professional Development Grants (PDGs) still available?

PDGs are currently on hold. Knowing that many youth workers have lost income due to COVID-19, PDG funds are some of the funds being repurposed for the relief funds. At this time, we plan to reopen the professional development grant applications after July 1, 2020.