

**Napa County CARES Act**  
**Notice of Funding Availability**  
**Responses to Questions**

1. My pre-school is not tax exempt. Can I apply for funding?

No. Napa County is awarding the funds to non-profit organizations who serve Napa County, and these organizations will be responsible for passing the funds through to individuals or businesses, based on their service proposal.

2. Are there more specifics on what the money can be spent on and who can apply apart from just i.e. "housing?"

While the NOFA suggests some kinds of services that the funding can be used for, we are not precluding eligible organizations from proposing other services if they can document the need. Preference is given to projects that expand on an existing service provided by the organization, rather than establishing a new service, and this should be considered in determining which category (ies) you choose to apply for.

3. If an organization is receiving CARES Act funding through another source or program, does that exclude that organization from applying for these grants through the County?

No, but the application will have to clearly delineate how the organization will ensure that they are not paying the applicant for the same work or activity twice.

4. Are the project types listed in the application the only ones an organization can apply for:

No. These are suggestions, but we encourage the community providers to define the need and propose a project to address this need.

5. Will a testing program be funded?

While we did not envision these community grants to fund testing, we will accept applications for testing programs. Please apply in the social safety net category.

6. Are the assistance payments to child care providers considered taxable income or nontaxable emergency relief funds for the providers?

This is a question for the provider's tax preparer.

7. Where can the NOFA be located?

The NOFA can be accessed through the [Submittable](#) link on the County website. From there, create an account using your email address.

8. When you click on Support existing project, this next question pops up: How will you ensure the success of a new program?

This error has been corrected.

9. If an organization is providing checks to landlords to pay rent for clients who have lost income because of COVID (and can't pay their rent) and also provides payments for utilities and gift cards for emergency food, would that be the housing category or the social safety net category? Or would that be 2 separate applications?

That would be 2 separate applications. Utilities, food support, etc are included in the social safety net category.

10. Are there limitations regarding a beneficiaries legal status?

No.

11. What is the date the funds need to be expended?

June 30, 2021.

12. What type of reporting will be required and how often?

Yet to be determined but currently contemplating a simple spreadsheet that would be submitted monthly. This will be finalized prior to entering into contracts.

13. How often will be funds be distributed?

This will be negotiated as part of the contract, but will most likely align with the reporting frequency.

14. Will more points be afforded to an application that is submitted with more than 60% allocated to direct services?

It will assist in with the overall application.

15. Are any attachments required such as licenses?

Because we are limiting to non-profit entities that are already providing services in Napa County no additional attachments are required.

16. Will COAD be on the review panel?

The Review Panel has not yet been selected, and individuals will not be identified publicly.

17. What type of tax exempt status is required?

Any type of tax exempt status, based on IRS determination.

18. What type of data is needed to support the program?

Identify the need through existing data, including anecdotal. We want to minimize the burden on applicants.

19. Will the PowerPoint and recording be posted online?

The PowerPoint will be posted online.

20. What are the reporting requirements?

The data elements we will require are identified in the NOFA. We don't have the exact reporting form, and will finalize it as we negotiate each contract, but we are trying to keep it as simple as possible.

21. The CARES Act NOFA specifies that: "The funding is not intended for any programs run by schools, public recreation programs (including camps), or other activities provided for children, such as gymnastics, dance, etc." We need to get clarification on what "programs run by schools" means here. NVUSD has childcare, we assume they are not eligible, but what about preschools/daycares that are run by small private schools. Please clarify.

Schools have received funding through the state for their programs, so we are not funding public schools through this NOFA. We will consider applications that include funding to private preschools/daycares.

22. The NOFA states that we need to report on:

- a. "Service delivery data-for direct community assistance, by service type:
  - i. Business/household/resident name or unique identifier (for individuals)
  - ii. Address or other verification of Napa County resident or business"

Staff will be providing aggregate data to the Board of Supervisors and the public. If a Public Records Act is received, we will review all information with Counsel to determine what information is subject to disclosure.

23. Will funds received by the County of Napa through the CARES act be subject to Single Audit requirements?

No, but it will be subject to auditing by County staff.

24. We recently became aware of the possibility of securing funding as part of the Napa CARES program and therefore was not aware of the mandatory bidders call on Sept. 4th. Is it still possible to apply for a grant even though we did not attend the call on Sept. 4?

The bidder's conference was mandatory, so we will only consider applications from organizations that had a representative attend. Our NOFA is designed to provide funding to local non-profits who will then pass the funds through to the community, so you may be able to receive pass through funding.

25. Can the funds received from the Napa County Cares Act be used for services that were rendered prior to the contract award?

The funds can be used for services provided from March 1, 2020-June 30, 2021, but you will need to provide the required reporting elements.

26. Are preschools and/or schools that operate under the tax ID of a church eligible for child care stipends?

Providers that did not receive school funding through other parts of the CARES Act are eligible.