



RELIEF Act

Grant and Loan Program

FAQs

The RELIEF Act of 2021 provides funding for new grant and loan programs for businesses and nonprofits to be administered by several state agencies. The RELIEF Act also provides funding for grant and loan programs to be administered by local governments. Please consult your county governments for programs administered by local economic development entities.

The Comptroller will process payments to businesses and nonprofits who are awarded grants and loans by the agencies administering the programs.

Q: How can I apply for the grants and loans under the RELIEF Act?

A: Applicants should contact the agency overseeing the loan and grant program they are interested in applying for to learn more about eligibility, application requirements, and deadlines.

Q: How will I receive my grant and loan payments?

A: The Comptroller's Office will immediately process loan and grant payments upon receiving invoices from the agencies administering the programs.

Q: Are my grants and loans taxable or subject to tax offset?

A: RELIEF Act grant and loan payments are not taxable in Maryland, but may be subject to taxation at the federal level. They are not subject to tax offset.

(See reverse side for list of grants)

Q: Which agencies and programs will offer grants and loans under the RELIEF Act?

A: Maryland Community Health Resource Commission

- Grant program for community providers of services to support pandemic-related reopening, transformation, and revenue loss.

Department of Housing and Community Development

- Grant program to help preserve the State's Main Street economies.
- Grant program for live entertainment venues in the State or promoters of live performances, and prioritize providing grants to live entertainment venues or promoters that closed or cancelled live performances due to capacity limitations in response to the pandemic; and for which any previously received state or federal stimulus funds due to the size of the venue were not sufficient to cover the fixed costs of the live entertainment venue or promoter.

Maryland State Arts Council

- Grant program for artists, art districts, and art organizations.

Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund

- Grant program for businesses in distressed communities to assist the businesses in setting up an online sales framework and offering employees telework opportunities.
- Grant program for private commuter and shuttle bus operators, including entities that provide commuter and shuttle bus services contractually to government entities.
- Grant program for businesses that do not engage in a business activity that requires the business to collect sales and use tax and can demonstrate a need for assistance.

Maryland Technology Development Corporation

- Grant program for Maryland's rural and agricultural businesses.

Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation

- Grant program for rural and agricultural businesses.

Maryland Tourism Development Board

- Grant program for Maryland small businesses for tourism.

Maryland Department of Health

- Grant program for providers serving people directed to treatment under § 8-507 of the Health- General Article; and grants for mobile crisis and stand-alone walk-in crisis services for the treatment of community mental health and substance use disorders.