



MONTMORENCY COUNTY

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

FUND APPLICATION FOR DIRECT PAY

1. BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law, and established the Corona virus State fiscal Recovery Fund and coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, which together make up the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“CSLFRF”) program. This program is intended to provide support to state, territorial, local, and tribal governments in responding to the economic and public health impacts of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain impacts on their communities, residents, and businesses.

Montmorency County (the “County”) received \$905,927.50 (half) of the \$1,811,855.00 in ARPA funds in May 2021. We expect the other half in May 2022. Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024. The Montmorency County Board of Commissioner (“BOC”) formed an ad hoc sub-committee titled ARPA Funding Committee (the “Committee”) to oversee use of the funds. As part of the planning process, the Committee is now seeking applications for which such funds may be used.

2. PROCESS

Application requests may be submitted now through December 31, 2023. As applications are approved, the available funds will be reduced. All applications received will be reviewed by the ARPA Funding Committee and moved for approval or denial.

There is no specific timeframe for the committee’s review and decision regarding any individual’s application. The committee will communicate results to applicants as circumstances dictate.

This application and the process described herein are intended to help the County effectively and efficiently determine the best uses of CSLFRF Funds; however the County (acting through the Committee, the BOC or otherwise) may, in its discretion, make determinations as to the use of CSLFRF funds outside the process described in this application, with or without notice to the applicant.

Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Montmorency County will not discriminate or deny benefits or services on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age, or sex.

3. REQUIREMENTS

All applications must adhere to guidelines governing the use of ARPA funds. Specifically, all applications must provide justification and proof of income. All applications submitted to the Committee not meeting guideline requirements, set forth by the U.S. Department of Treasury, will be denied. More information regarding the guidelines can be found at [home.treasury.gov](https://www.home.treasury.gov).

4. ELIGIBILITY

Worker receiving direct pay must not be exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act overtime provisions. Direct pay may be awarded to hourly, part-time, or salaried or non-hourly workers. Eligible workers include workers are **“needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors.”** These sectors and occupations are eligible:

- Health care
- Emergency response
- Sanitation, disinfection & cleaning
- Maintenance
- Grocery stores, restaurants, food production, and food delivery
- Pharmacy
- Biomedical research
- Behavioral health
- Medical testing and diagnostics
- Home and community-based health care or assistance with activities of daily living
- Family or child care
- Social services
- Public health
- Mortuary
- Critical clinical research
- State, local, or Tribal government workforce
- Educational, school nutrition, and other work required to operate a school facility
- Laundry
- Elections
- Solid waste or hazardous materials management, response, and cleanup
- Work requiring physical interaction with patients
- Dental care
- Transportations and warehousing
- Hotel and commercial lodging facilities used for COVID-19 mitigation and containment

Essential work means work that:

1. Is not performed while teleworking from a residence; and
2. Involves:
 - i. Regular in-person interactions with patients, the public, or coworkers of the individual that is performing the work; or
 - ii. Regular physical handling of items that were handled by, or are to be handled by patients, the public, or coworkers of the individual that is performing the work.

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Application must be completed in full to be considered. Completed documents must be sent to the ARPA Funding Committee electronically to montcotreasurer@montcounty.org or by mail using the information above.

Full Name	Address	Phone No.
Essential Worker Job Title	Employer	
Hours worked from 3/3/2021 to 06/05/2021:		
Please provide description of eligibility:		

****ATTACH PAYSTUBS FOR TIME REQUESTED WITH THIS APPLICATION TO
PROVIDE PROOF OF INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT****

THIS DOCUMENT CERTIFIES TO THE BEST OF ITS KNOWLEDGE:

1. The information submitted to the County of Montmorency in this application is true and correct.
2. Submitting false or misleading information may result in this proposal being found ineligible for financial assistance under the funding program, and the applicant may be subject to civil and/or criminal prosecution.
3. Approved applicants will be subject to audit accountability standards.
4. This form and criteria may be subject to change, as determined by the U.S. Treasury Department.

Yes No - I certify that I am (and was) a resident of Montmorency County during eligible time period, and have not received any form of supplemental payment (nor had the ability to telework) related to COVID-19.

Signature

Date

Yes No I certify that I am/was the eligible employer and have not issued, to this signed date, any form of supplemental payment related to COVID-19.

Signature of Eligible Employer

Date