

**Perry County  
American Rescue Plan Grant Programs**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**ELIGIBILITY**

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**DO HOME BASED BUSINESSES OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS QUALIFY?**

Yes, you must have proof of your current business' state registration or tax filing.

**DO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS QUALIFY?**

Yes. Nonprofits may apply for funding through the nonprofit funding assistance program.

**WHAT MIGHT BE ACCEPTED AS ALTERNATIVE DOCUMENTATION OF REVENUE LOSS?**

Tax statements are the preferred method, but we may accept a profit and loss statement on a case-by-case basis.

**WHAT PART OF MY FEDERAL TAX FILINGS DO YOU NEED?**

Small businesses are set up in many ways, but we are looking for the Federal tax document that shows your gross receipts for the year. Most businesses will file one of the following: Schedule C for sole proprietorships (2 pages), Form 1065 for partnerships (5 pages), Form 1120 for C Corporations (5 pages), and Form 1120-S for S corporations (6 pages).

**CAN A FRANCHISE QUALIFY?**

Yes, if they are independently owned and operated.

**CAN NEW BUSINESSES APPLY?**

No, this assistance is intended to provide relief for businesses that experienced a negative economic impact due to the pandemic and existed prior to February 29, 2020, consistent with Small Business Administration programs.

**CAN BUSINESSES THAT STARTED IN 2019 QUALIFY?**

Yes. An alternative calculation will be performed to determine the net loss of the company from the start date to the end of the year in 2019 to the comparable timeframe in 2020.

**AM I ELIGIBLE IF I RENT A CHAIR IN A BUSINESS SUCH AS A HAIRDRESSER, BARBER, OR WORKSPACE? WHAT MAY BE CONSIDERED ELIGIBLE EXPENSES?**

To meet the eligibility requirements, you must show that you operate from that space, can submit proof of loss (tax filing).

**WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE THE TYPE OF UTILITY BILL REQUESTED?**

The purpose of the utility bill is to demonstrate that the business is currently established and operating. A utility bill should be in the name of the business, and may include a internet bill, refuse collection bill, a phone bill, or another service or utility bill in the name of the business addressed to the location for which rent is being requested.

**WHAT DOCUMENT FORMAT SHOULD BE USED?**

Documents may be accepted in PDF, JPG, and PNG format.

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**BENEFITS**

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**DOES THIS NEED TO BE PAID BACK?**

No. It is a grant.

**CAN WE APPLY FOR BACK-DUE RENT?**

No. The purpose of this program is to stabilize businesses. If back due rent is owed, the business owner could use the rental assistance period to pay off debts owed with revenue freed up by the rental assistance payment.

**WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU DEFINE AS RENT?**

Rent is defined as base rent or base rent defined by the lease plus the “triple net” costs reflecting insurance, taxes, and common area costs. Rent does not include utility payments. Rent must be for the business location listed on the Secretary of State documentation and/or the lease. Rent does not apply to storage facilities, equipment rental, or other purposes other than paying the rent or mortgage for the location of your business.

**DOCUMENTATION**

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**WHAT IF I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MY BUSINESS?**

In order to apply, you must agree to maintain business operations at the same location for the period for which you receive assistance per attestation.