

Back To Business



Maryland COVID-19 Emergency Relief Grant Fund Overview

- Approved 4,704 grant applications from March 23 and 24, totaling \$46.1 million (as of June 2).
- Checks totaling \$19.1 million have been sent to 1,946 businesses.
- Applications received on March 23 and 24 will utilize the vast majority of the \$50 million.
- More than \$1 million in grants from those first two days will go to nonprofits.

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- Received 20,190 applications totaling over \$195 million; there was \$50 million allocated to the grant fund.
- Built a new IT system to handle applications and brought in more than 150 volunteers from other agencies to process applications.
- Many applications were incomplete or contained errors. We worked with as many applicants as we could to correct these. This added time to the review process.





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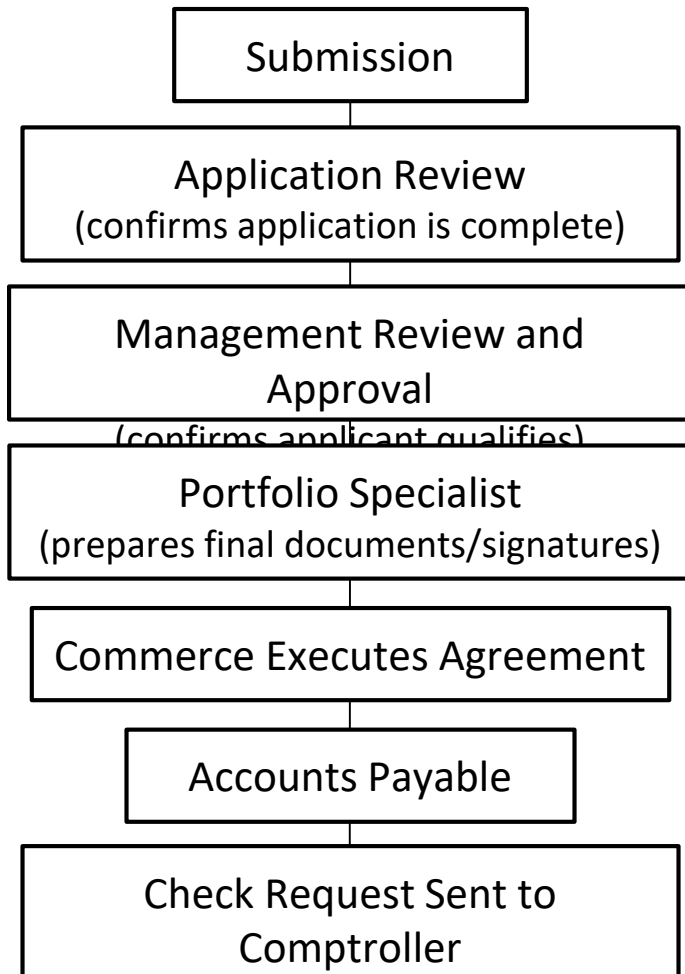
- Continuing to review applications. If more money is allocated to the fund, we'll be able to pick up where we left off.
- We are working with local jurisdictions with their own relief programs.
- Completed emergency procurement to bring on new staff to help address remaining backlog of applications.

Maryland COVID-19 Emergency Relief Loan Fund Overview

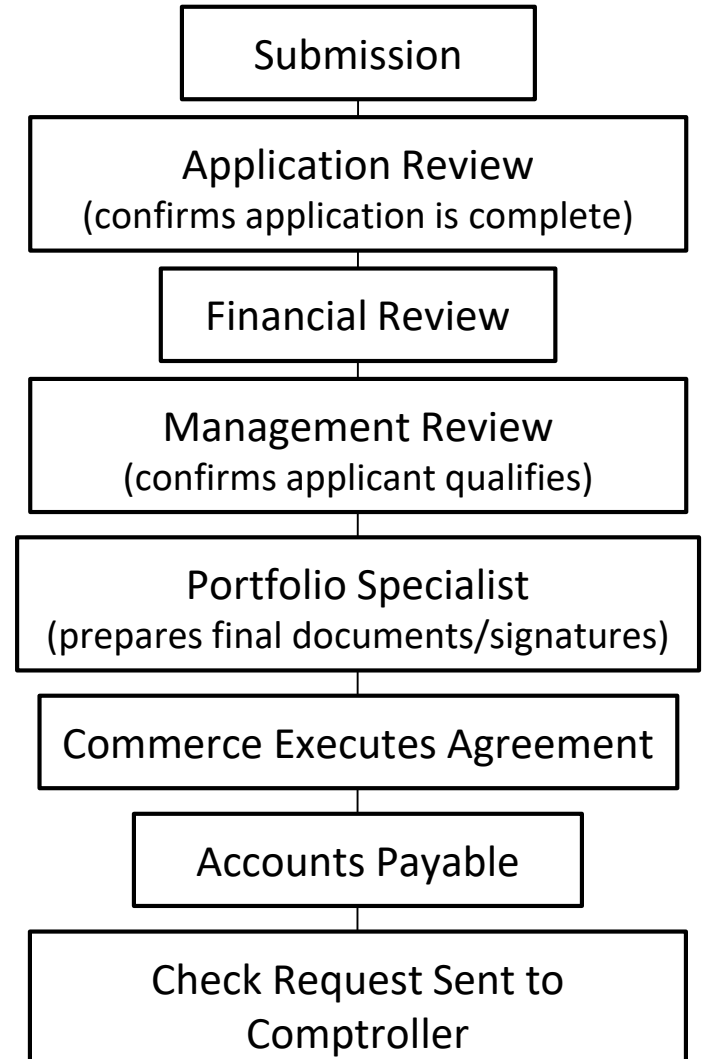
- Our review team has prioritized grant applications to get those funds disbursed as quickly as possible.
- We have approved 1,287 loan applications totaling \$59.1 million (as of June 2).
- Applications received March 23 and 24 are expected to encumber all \$75 million that was put into the funds.

Review Process Steps

Grants



Loans



Maryland COVID-19 Emergency Relief Manufacturing Fund Overview

- Certified 52 grant applications totaling \$3.7 million dollars (as of June 2).
- There were \$5 million dollars allocated to the loan fund to support manufacturers producing PPE.
- Companies are making face shields, masks, gowns, ventilators & ventilator compliments, battery packs, and other PPE.

Maryland COVID-19 Emergency Relief Manufacturing Fund Overview

- Only 50% of each grant was given up front; remainder is given when work is completed. This helps protect the state's investment.
- Commerce also partnered with MEP to create the Maryland Manufacturing Network portal.
- Connects businesses with PPE suppliers.
- Access to PPE essential to re-opening.



Maryland State Arts Council Emergency Grant

- MSAC distributed \$1 million to 64 arts organizations and 61 individual artists.
- Included CARES Act funding distributed by the National Endowment for the Arts.
- Arts remain an important economic generator for the state and vital to our quality of life.

Roadmap to Recovery - Stage One

- Statewide stay-at-home order lifted, local jurisdictions can keep them.
- Allows for SAFE reopening of manufacturers, retail stores, houses of worship, barbershops & salons, and others.
- As of May 29, outdoor dining at restaurants, outdoor pools, youth sports allowed WITH RESTRICTIONS.

Roadmap to Recovery - Stage One

- Use of masks/face coverings is CRITICAL to re-opening efforts; Governor's executive order is still in effect.
- People with disabilities that make mask usage difficult are exempt; businesses are NOT allowed to ask invasive questions or demand proof.
- Business must try to accommodate those who can't wear masks through curbside service, delivery, personal shopping.

Roadmap to Recovery - Stage One

- Guidelines and information can be found at open.maryland.gov

Best Practices for Businesses to Reopen MANUFACTURING



PREPARE THE BUILDING

- Zone the factory floor and encourage employees to remain in their designated area to the extent possible.
- Place partitions such as plexiglass to separate people that work together in the production process.
- Increase ventilation rates and the percentage of outdoor air that circulates into the system.
- Assemble a team whose responsibilities include implementing and monitoring guidelines provided by the CDC, OSHA, the State, and by the company.
- Share your procedures with your supply chain in advance to communicate

- Direct sick workers to follow CDC and state guidelines regarding home isolation for suspected or confirmed COVID infections.
- If symptoms develop at work, designate an isolation area until the employee is able to go home.
- Develop and communicate action plans in the event of a positive test for COVID-19 for those directly exposed and those potentially exposed, consistent with CDC and MDH guidelines.
- Provide proper PPE supplies and train employees as to the proper wearing and removing of masks and gloves.



SOCIAL DISTANCE PLANNING



REDUCE TOUCH POINTS, CONTROL ACCESS & INCREASE CLEANING

- Provide employees easy access to hand washing or hand sanitizers, and require employees to wash/sanitize hands at the beginning and end of each shift, before and after lunch or any other breaks including restroom visits.
- Clean and disinfect "high-touch" surfaces in accordance with CDC guidance, at least as often as each shift change and/or product line change.
- Provide protection and disinfecting materials at timeclocks to prevent spread of infection.

Maryland Strong: BACK TO BUSINESS PLEDGE

- Pledge to adhere to new standards of safety and cleanliness.
- Businesses can print out and display the pledge for their customers to see.



Maryland's business community plays a critical role in protecting our citizens and preventing another surge of COVID-19 infections.

Because we are committed to the safety and health of our valuable employees and customers, we pledge to:



Create an environment that allows for physical distancing between individuals (6 feet is recommended) to the extent possible.



Ensure our place of business is routinely cleaned and encourage our employees to frequently wash their hands.



Provide flexibility to our employees, provide training and education and clearly communicate policies and procedures.



Reduce and disinfect as many 'high touch surfaces' as possible.



Additionally follow guidance provided by the CDC, the Maryland Department of Health and our own industry.

Signature

Company Name

Additional Questions