

Goodhue County, Minnesota
CARES Act Funding Disbursement Program
to Goodhue County Businesses, Nonprofits, and Residents

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Goodhue County is pleased to announce that on August 4th, 2020 the County Board approved its CARES Act Funding Disbursement Program. The County received \$5.64m dollars from the Federal CARES Act that was approved by Congress on March 27th, 2020. The CARES Act grants are intended to provide assistance to American workers, families, and small businesses, and to preserve jobs for American industries.

Within the County's Program \$2.46m will go directly towards assisting Goodhue County small businesses, agriculture businesses, non-profits, churches, hospitals, and nursing homes in grant amounts up to \$10,000. An additional \$1.60m will go towards housing and rental assistance and Health and Human Service needs with grant amounts up to \$5,000. The remaining amounts will be used to promote new housing starts, support unfunded programs in local School Districts, and to provide some County reimbursements.

To assist the County in dispersing these funds to community businesses and residents in a timely manner, the County has partnered with Community and Economic Development Associates (CEDA) to administer the business type grants and Southeast Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (SEMMCHRA) to administer housing assistance type grants. Applicants for the grants will have to show a need that is directly related to the pandemic. If awarded, the CARES grant funds will not need to be paid back and may be used for expenses such as loss of revenue, PPE, rent, mortgage, insurance, utilities, retraining of staff, and technology changes incurred for remote employees.

Only expenditures incurred between March 1st, 2020 and December 1st, 2020 will be eligible for the program reimbursement and all expenditures must be due to COVID-19. For more information on specific program guidelines and the application process, please visit the County's website at <https://co.goodhue.mn.us/649/Finance-Taxpayer-Services>.