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Applications for CARES Act Relief Funds to go live July 13

The Greene County Commission is pleased to announce the application for the first phase of CARES Act Relief Funds will be available beginning Monday, July 13.

This online application process, which was developed internally by the Greene County Information Systems Department, is set to go live on the County website at greenecountymo.gov. A dedicated "CARES Act Relief Fund" button is currently located on the main navigation of the site homepage. From that button, users will find an application link under the "General Information" tab where each requesting entity or organization will register. Once registered, applicants can proceed to a set of fillable fields outlining specific needs/expenses and other related financial information. A confirmation email will be generated when the application is completed.

The application process has been designed to be as user friendly and thorough as possible, while allowing the County to obtain needed information for decision-making and auditing purposes. The Greene County Commission will make the final determination on fund disbursements.

Applications will be accepted according to the following schedule:

- Not-for-profit/Community organizations – July 13-16
- Health care – July 16-21
- Small businesses – July 21-24
- Education – July 23-28
- Taxpayer supported entities – July 28-31

While the total number of requests the County is expected to receive is unknown, the process will remain open until all funds are allocated.

For those interested in reviewing general fund guidelines before beginning the application process, related information from the Department of the Treasury is also available via the “CARES Act Relief Fund” tab of the County website.

“We understand there is much anticipation in the community regarding this application process and we have been working as diligently and quickly as possible to make this available. The Greene County Information Systems Department has done a phenomenal job creating this system,” said CARES Act Grants Administrator Lyle Foster. “In addition, we are committed to processing and reviewing these applications in a timely manner to ensure these funds benefit our community in the way the program is intended.”

The Senate passed the Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide direct funding to states, territories and tribal governments. The funding received is based on population and is to be used for necessary expenditures due to COVID-19, expenditures that were not accounted for in the most recently approved budget and were incurred from March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. The goal of the CARES Act Relief Fund is to promote recovery by funding programs and services that support the needs of those impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. As part of this fund, Greene County has received \$34 million to be distributed back into our community to help support local coronavirus response efforts.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri’s fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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