

Mayors,

We hope you have had a great week. We wanted to share a few updates with you on a couple of items regarding business relief, non-profit support, and the P-EBT program. We understand the impact that local leaders can have on keeping constituents up to date on the support available to them as we navigate through this pandemic together. Below are some action items you can take to help spread the word and also information on each individual program.

- Posting on social media as a reminder to sign up/take advantage of the relief programs
- Sending information to your local non-profits and chambers of commerce
- Staying engaged with the Governor's office and your local state legislators

Business Relief Program

Approximately 33,000 businesses are eligible for the Business Relief Program as a result of closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses do not need to apply, however they may need to verify their information with the Department of Revenue. Reminder for businesses in your communities that if they are a qualifying business for this program, they can visit <https://tntap.tn.gov/eservices/> to verify their information in order to receive funds.

P-EBT Program

Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) provides parents with \$5.70 in food benefits per child for each day that child qualifies. Under the P-EBT program, families of children who receive free or reduced meals at school or attend a Community Eligibility Provision school may receive financial assistance to replace school meals during the months of March, April and May due to COVID-19 school closures. These benefits can be used to purchase food at any store that accepts EBT or with online retailers Walmart and Amazon.

Families who receive SNAP or TANF have already received their benefits and do not need to apply. For families not currently receiving SNAP or TANF, applications will be accepted online for the P-EBT program **until Friday, August 14th at 4:30 p.m. CST**. The application can be accessed here: https://tdhs.service-now.com/relief?id=relief_registration

Non-Profit Relief

This week, Governor Lee and the Fiscal Accountability Group announced \$150 million in Coronavirus Relief Funds will be made available to Tennessee non-profits to assist their ongoing efforts to address the ongoing health and economic impacts of COVID-19. The Tennessee Community CARES Program will provide \$150 million in direct federally funded aid to non-profit organizations located in Tennessee and serving Tennesseans.

To administer these funds, the Department of Human Services is announcing an invitation for partner non-profits to serve as grant administrators. Grant administrators will be required to submit a proposal to the Department no later than 12 p.m. CDT, Thursday, July 23 describing their ability to administer sub-grants to eligible non-profits. More details and [submission instructions can be found here](#).

For non-profits wishing to receive response and recovery grants to provide direct services, instructions for grant proposals were issued by the Department of Human Services and its partner non-profit grant administrators on August 1st, 2020. Grant applications will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis with monthly reporting requirements and a de-obligation date of November 15.

We appreciate all that you do for the people of Tennessee, and please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can assist you.