

Quick Facts Concerning State Grants to Cities

Each city is eligible for a grant appropriation from the State. The amount of your each city's grant is based upon its population, as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau on July 1, 2018. To see a listing of grant amounts by city, please [click here](#).

A city must apply for its grant. Each city has a grant set aside for its use, but any city seeking to utilize its grant must first apply. Application deadline is June 30, 2021. If no application is made for all, or a portion of a city's grant by June 30, 2021, then the remainder of the grant will be forfeited and returned to the State's general fund.

Each city's application must propose to use its grant for one or more of the allowable uses. A city may utilize its grant to fund (wholly or partially) one or more qualifying projects. For a listing and description of allowable uses, please [click here](#).

State will begin sending grants to cities, pursuant to an approved application, in the new fiscal year (after 7/1/20).

Any grant monies sent to a city that has not been either spent or contractually obligated by June 30, 2021 will be forfeited and returned to the State's general fund.

Application

In order to claim your grant appropriation, you must complete and submit an application to the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) for review and approval. At this moment, the application has not been made available. TML will distribute additional information concerning the application, itself, as soon as it is made available.

Each city's application must include its application, a W-9, a resolution passed by the local governing body identifying intended uses (must be qualified uses of grant monies) and approving expenditure of its grant monies for such purposes, and a copy of the city's budget.

Applications must be received by F&A no later than 4/30/21. This means a city has twelve (12) months to apply for its grant appropriation. Any city that has not applied for its grant funds by 4/30/21 will forfeit its eligibility and any remaining portion of the city's grant will be returned to the State's general fund.

Eligible Uses of Grant Monies

City grants are limited to paying for one-time costs -- A city **may not** use grant to **pay any recurring costs**, such as salaries, debt issuance or existing programming and services.

A city **may not** use its grant for construction of a new building.

A city may request appropriation of its grant for the following purposes:

Fed/State Matching Funds-- A city may use its grant to satisfy local matching obligations in order to leverage other federal or state funds.

Information Technology -- New or replacement Information Technology equipment (hardware). Purchase or replacement of public safety technology also permitted under this category.

Capital Maintenance -- A city may use its grant to maintain current city facilities, including repairing or renovating roofing, mechanical or electrical systems. A city may also utilize its grant to fund projects that

will appreciably extend the life of its facilities, including addressing code deficiencies, repaving, roof repair or exterior fencing and lighting.

Utility System -- A city may use its grant for maintenance and upgrades to existing water and sewer infrastructure.

Road Projects -- A city may use its grant for road and bridge maintenance, renovation and replacement projects along with traffic control initiatives.

Public Safety -- A city may use its grant for ADA-compliance projects (excludes planning expenses) and equipment purchases for law enforcement, fire and emergency response, and school buses.

COVID-19 Response -- A city may use its grant for items related to control and containment of COVID-19, such as one-time expenditures for supplies, equipment, cleaning services, and emergency food and shelter programs.

Tornado Response -- Cities in Benton, Carroll, Davidson, Gibson, Putnam, Smith and Wilson counties may use its grant for expenditures related to tornado relief.

Forfeiture of All or Part of City Grant

Any city that has not applied for its grant funds by 4/30/21 will forfeit its eligibility and any remaining portion of the city's grant will be returned to the State's general fund. Similarly, if any city that applies for and receives its grant but does not spend or contractually obligate any portion of its grant by June 30, 2021, then any unspent or unobligated portion of the grant will be forfeited and returned to the State's general fund.