



Carroll County Coronavirus Ag/Farm Relief Fund Plan

More than ever, Carroll County remains committed to supporting our small businesses, the backbone of our community. To date, with local funding, Carroll County has provided nearly \$900,000 in grants to 720 small businesses, sole proprietors and home-based businesses.

Carroll County has secured additional grant money from the federal government through the Carroll County Coronavirus Relief Fund Plan (CRF Plan). Four million dollars has been allocated to assist small businesses, farms and nonprofits who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The “Carroll Rebound” program will provide grant funding for farms/producers demonstrating need to help offset the financial losses as a result of the pandemic.

Grants of up to \$5,000 are available to all eligible farms/producers

**Note: If your Ag business/Farm had previously applied through the business portal,
DO NOT reapply.**

You should have been contacted by our office via email regarding receiving your proper level of funding.

FARM QUALIFICATIONS:

Farms which apply for the grant program:

- Must have been established prior to September 1, 2019
- Must have a Carroll County physical location in an **Agriculture or Conservation zoning district**
- Be a for-profit entity in good standing with the State of Maryland and Carroll County and registered with the state, if required to do so by law. Visit <https://dat.maryland.gov/businesses/Pages/Internet-Certificate-of-Status.aspx> to obtain certificate of status (Certificate of Good Standing may be provided via screenshot or printed from the webpage – no need to pay for official certificate)
- Must be current on all taxes owed to Carroll County and/or the State of Maryland

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- Fully completed application
- MdSDAT Certificate of Good Standing. The business must be in good standing with the State of Maryland and Carroll County, and registered with the state, **if required to do so by law**, as of March 1, 2020. (Certificate of Good Standing may be provided via screenshot or printed from the webpage – no need to pay for official certificate) See <https://dat.maryland.gov/businesses/Pages/Internet-Certificate-of-Status.aspx>

- Provide a current Schedule F (or equivalent tax document) OR most recent documentation to demonstrate financial loss due to COVID-19 (profit & loss for the first quarters of 2019 & 2020)

UPON GRANT AWARD:

Farms must:

- Enter into a formal grant agreement with Carroll County to use funds as approved by December 30, 2020
- Submit a W-9 for tax reporting
- Retain grant documentation on spending and agree to a county or federal audit if required

TO APPLY:

Submit a COMPLETE AND ACCURATE application with all required supporting documentation. It is imperative that all applicants ensure the accuracy of their legal name and address when completing and signing their application, and subsequent forms. Failure to submit a complete and accurate application will prevent you from receiving a grant award.

Applications will be accepted beginning June 24, 2020 at 3pm and ending October 7, 2020 at 5pm.

GRANT APPLICATION REVIEW:

Applicants will receive an email notification confirming receipt of their application. If you do not receive this message your application has not been sent or received. If an incomplete application is received, the applicant will be notified of the issue and asked to submit the missing required information.

If you need assistance with assessing your eligibility or compiling the needed documents for your application, we advise that you consult with your financial or legal advisers. Email questions to info@carrollbiz.org.

If you do not meet Carroll Rebound grant eligibility, please check the [Maryland Relief Wizard](#) for other potential funding opportunities. Also, the Carroll County Health Department is soliciting interested applicants who meet the criteria for reimbursement under the CARES Act, CRF Fund for limited Personal Protective Equipment supplies.

See <https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/media/11759/specifications-cares-act-crf.pdf>