

Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Introductory Briefing



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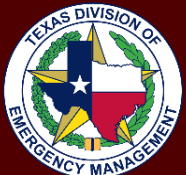
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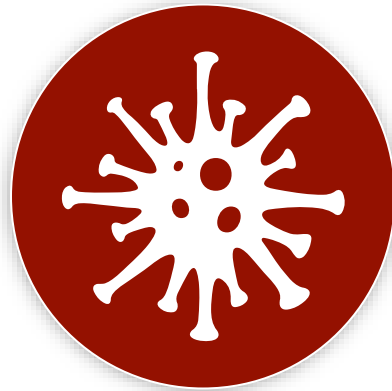
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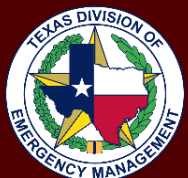
Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF)

Under Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds were created. This is a \$350 billion appropriation used to make payments for specified uses to states, Tribal governments, territories, and units of local government.

Funding is allocated based on population.



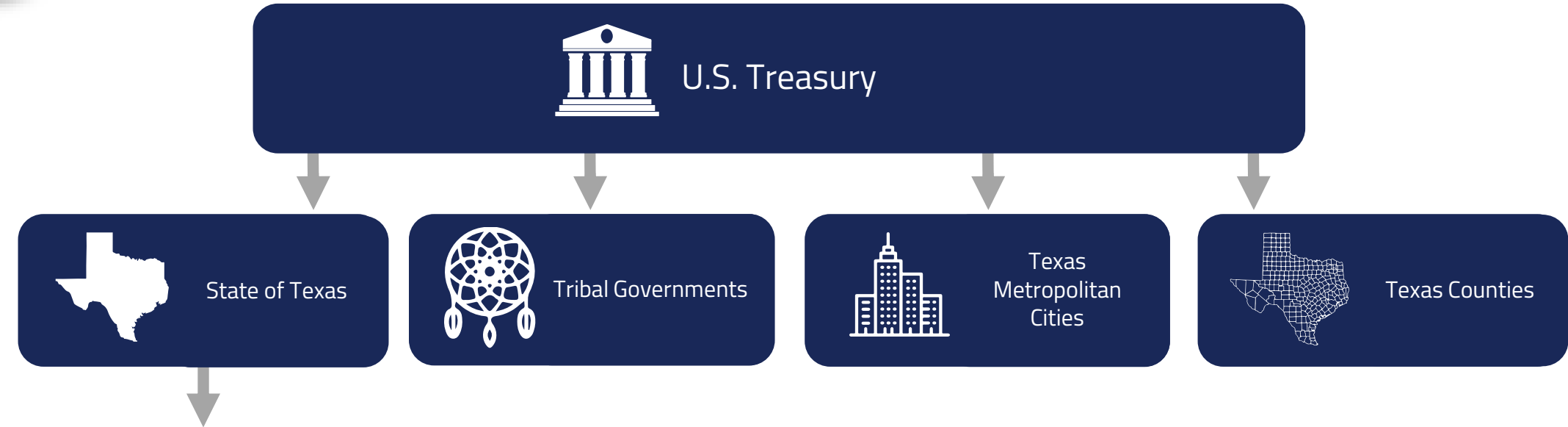
Treasury CLFRF Site



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Funding Flow



Cities with populations typically under 50,000 referred to as non-entitlement units (NEU)

TDEM maintains an allocation sheet listing amounts allocated to these entities at <https://tdem.texas.gov/clrf/>



This is the funding we are reviewing in this briefing



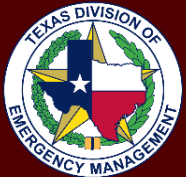


CLFRF Characteristics

- No cost share
- Covers costs incurred due to Coronavirus emergency and certain infrastructure costs
- Subject to OIG audit
- Total funding for cities with populations under 50,000 will be capped at 75% of the city's most recent budget as of January 27, 2020
- No state oversight of applicant expenditures



Eligible/Ineligible Costs





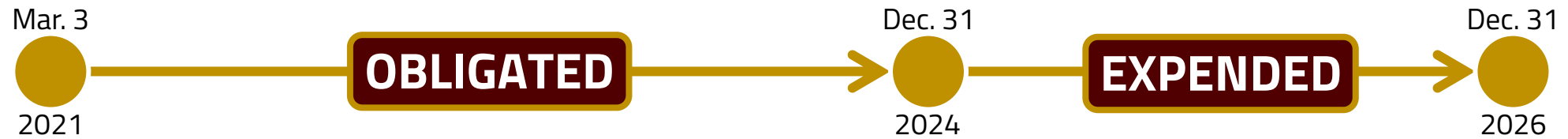
Definition of Eligible Costs

- 1 Costs for response to COVID or its negative economic impacts
- 2 Providing premium pay to essential workers during COVID
- 3 Local government revenue replacement – limited to the amount of revenue loss during COVID
- 4 Necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure





Eligibility Date Range



Covers costs incurred between March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2026

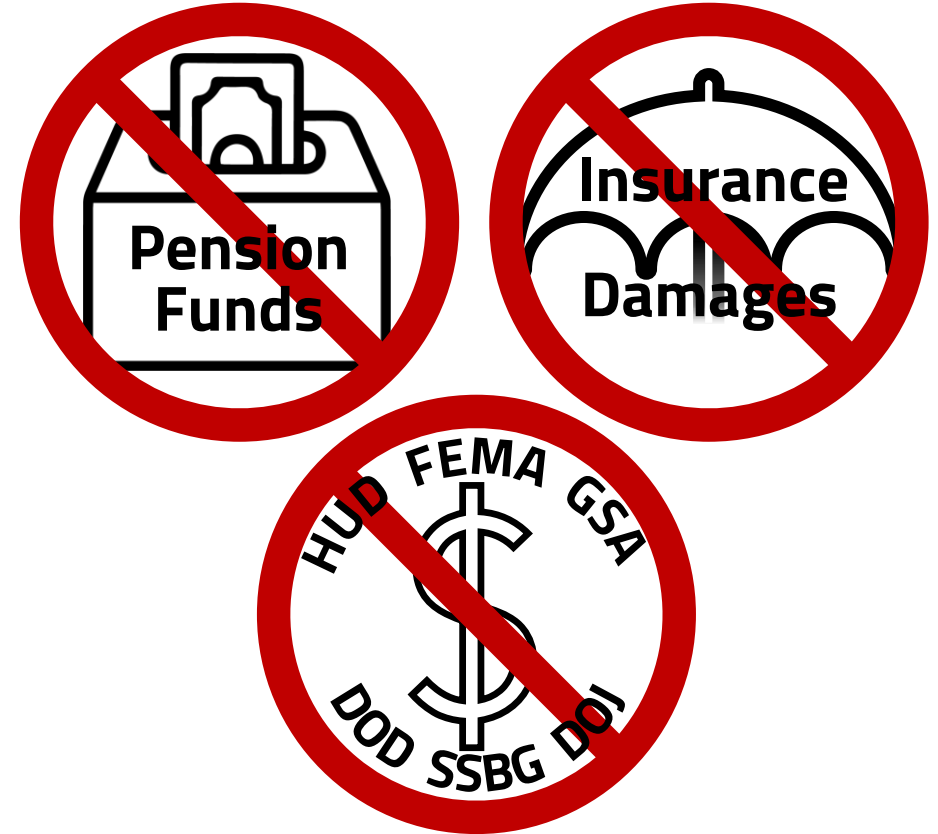
Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024





Examples of Ineligible Costs

- X Deposits to Pension funds
- X Damages covered by insurance
- X Expenses that have been or will be covered by another federal program



Account Setup





Communication and Training

- TDEM staff have conducted outreach to eligible cities
- Online briefings were performed and a recording is available
- Funding was made available using TDEM's Grants Management System
- On-demand [video job aid on GMS](#) is available at the GMS Job Aids page.
- Cities register and obtain enrollment forms in GMS



Briefing
Recording



Video Job Aid





Required NEU Actions

- Submission of the following documents
 - Grant Terms and Conditions
 - Assurances of Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements
 - Budget/Expenditure Certification
 - Direct Deposit Authorization
 - IRS W-9
- Confirmation that the NEU's registration on SAM.gov is current



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Funding Disbursement in GMS



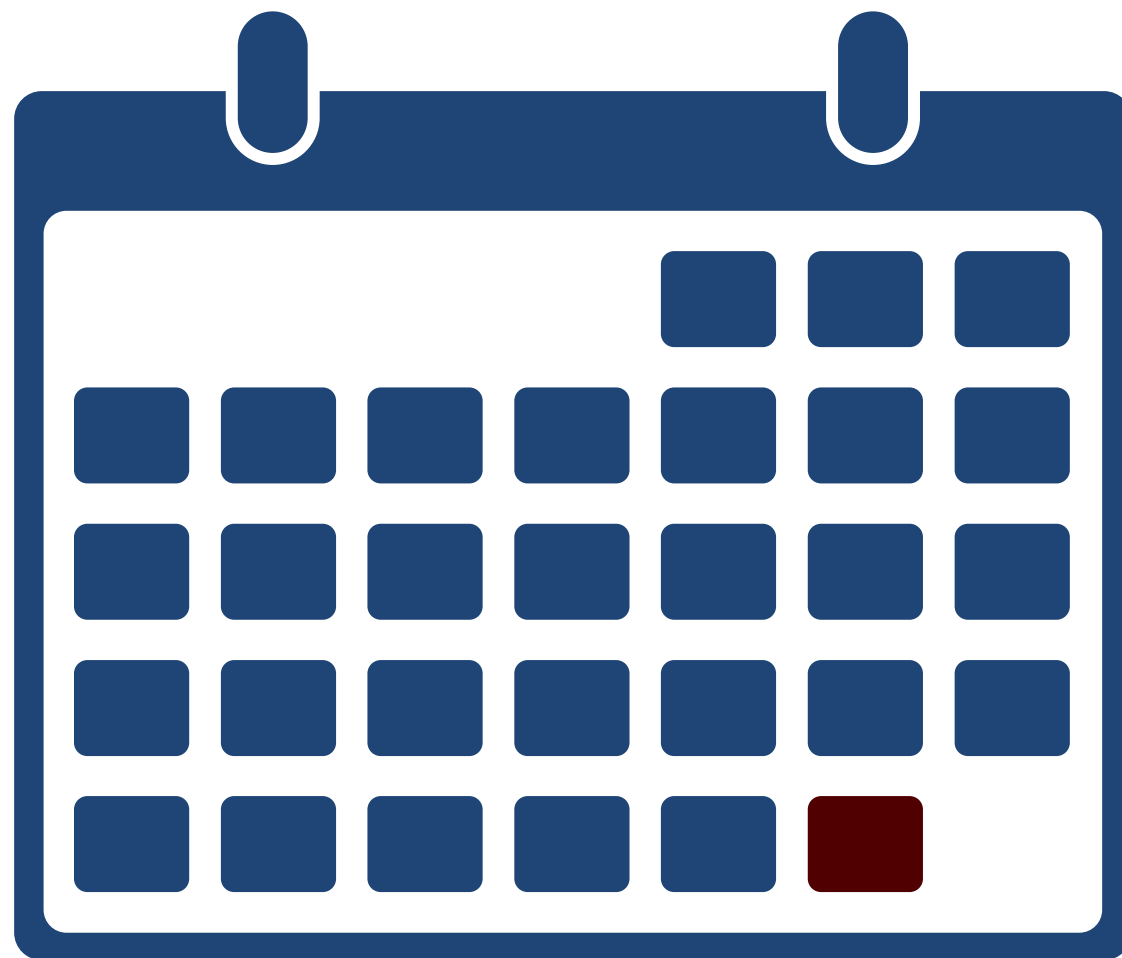
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Timeframe

Texas has been distributing NEU funding since August 14, 2021.

NEUs that have not provided complete submission packages to TDEM may be considered unresponsive and lose access to funding.



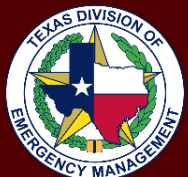


Initial Funding Tranche 1

Funding occurs through GMS in two tranches after the applicant's documentation package is approved by TDEM.

The first tranche is 50% of the allocation, not to exceed 75% of the city's most recent budget as of January 27, 2020.

The screenshot shows the website grants.tdem.texas.gov. The navigation menu includes: Home, Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, Fire Management Assistance, EMPG, Forms, and Job Aids. The main header features the TDEM logo and the text "TDEM Grants Management System". Below this, a description states: "grants.tdem.texas.gov tracks Emergency Management grants in Texas. The system manages the process from application through closeout." To the right is a login section titled "Returning User Login:" with fields for "Email:" and "Password:", and buttons for "Sign In" and "Register". A link for "Forgot Password?" is also present. The footer contains three columns: "About" (describing the portal's purpose and listing programs like PA, HMGP, FMAG, PDM, BRIC, EMPG, and CRF), "News Releases" (with links to recent announcements from April 7, 2021, and March 1, 2021), and "Contact" (providing the address, phone number, and email for the Texas Division of Emergency Management).



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Subsequent Funding – Tranche 2

Per Treasury, a second tranche of funding will occur approximately one year after the first round of funding is disbursed.

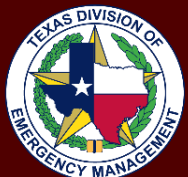




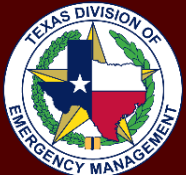
Reporting Requirements

The State has no oversight requirement for applicant expenditures. Applicants report expenditure information directly to Treasury.

The State reporting requirements are limited to NEU intake information and funds disbursement.



Information and Resource Locations

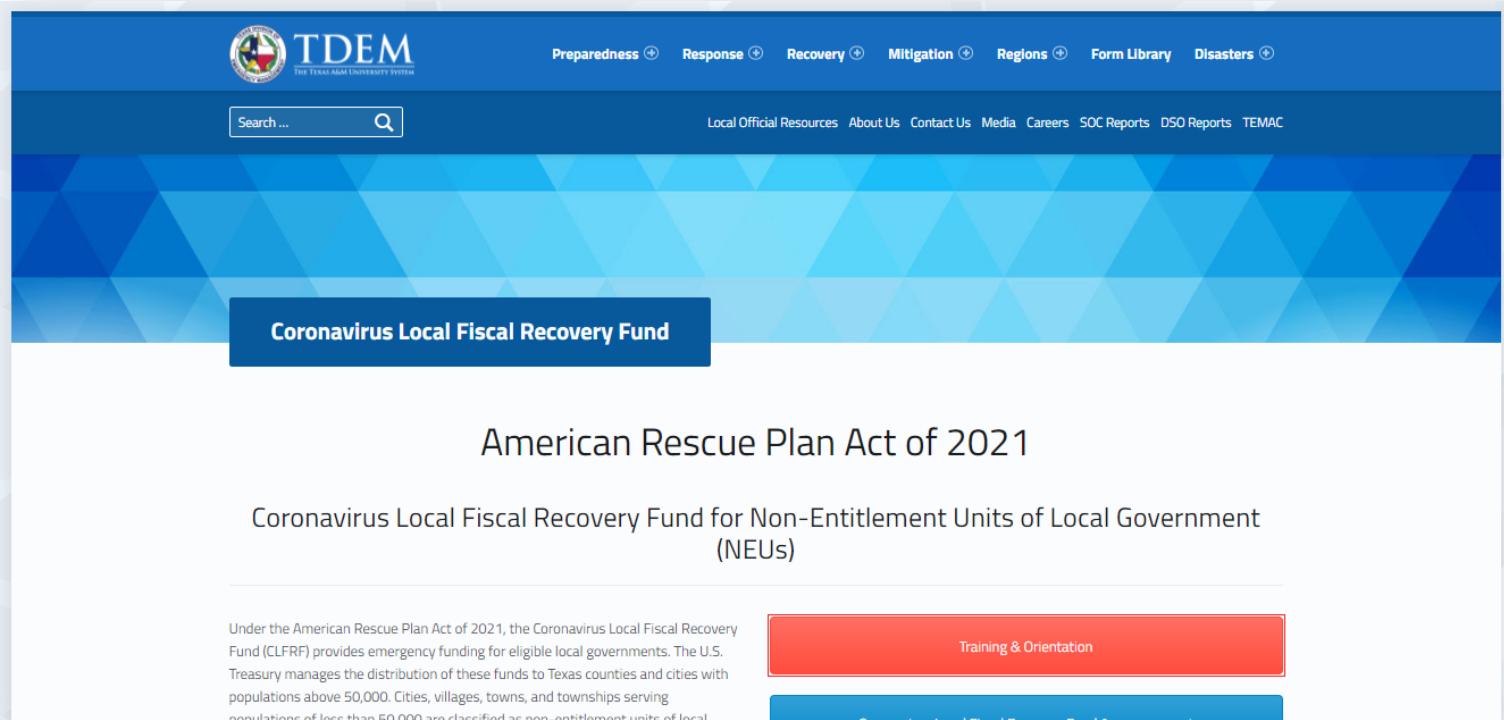


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Resources

TDEM maintains an informational Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) Website



This site includes:

- Information for fund recipients
- Application Instructions



TDEM CLFRF Site



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Resources

The following informational documents are available at:

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-fund/non-entitlement-units>



[List of local governments and their respective populations](#)



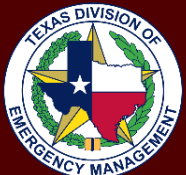
[Treasury's Interim Final Rule](#)



[Frequently Asked Questions](#)



[Compliance and Reporting Guidance](#)





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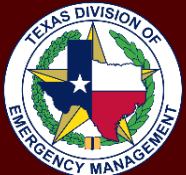
Texas Grants Management System (GMS) Webpage

<https://grants.tdem.texas.gov/>



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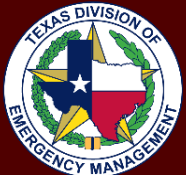
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Reminders

- These funds are for expenses incurred March 3, 2021 – December 31, 2026. All costs must be obligated by December 31, 2024.
- Funding distribution will be handled using the TDEM Grants Management System (GMS)
- Cities participate by providing their submission package in GMS





Reminders

- Cities decline to participate by providing a [Declination of Funding Form](#) to crf@tdem.texas.gov
- The first tranche for 50% of the funding has been received from Treasury and is currently being distributed by TDEM
- Remaining funding will be distributed approximately a year later
- Allocation amounts can be found on the allocation sheet at <https://tdem.texas.gov/clfrf/>



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