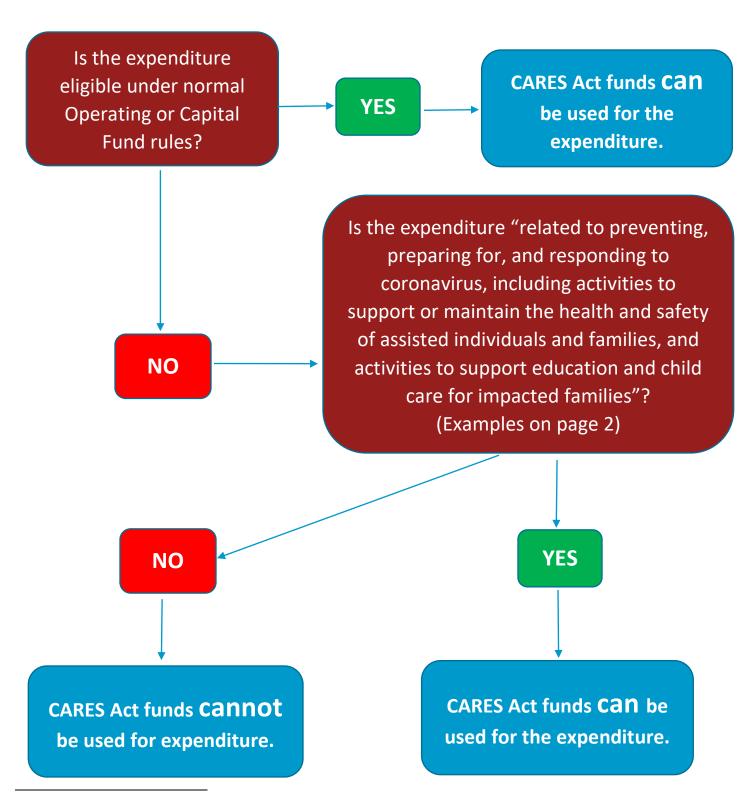


CARES Act Eligible Uses – PH Funds¹



¹ References: <u>CARES Act</u>, <u>Notice PIH 2020-07</u>, <u>PIH FAQs (May 29, 2020)</u>

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HUD Examples of Use of Funds Related to Combatting Coronavirus²

Preparing for: CARES Act funds may be used prior to a local coronavirus outbreak to develop processes and procedures, and begin to take actions designed to help keep people healthy, reduce exposure to coronavirus, and slow the spread of the disease, including but not limited to:

- Creation or update of infectious disease outbreak plan;
- Sourcing and purchasing personal protective equipment for PHA staff;
- Coordination with providers of services needed to support residents due to coronavirus, including cost of delivery of goods, supplies, and equipment;
- Coordination with local health service providers for activities, including: the development or provision of guidance to staff or residents, travel for testing, or other reasons related to coronavirus;
- Childcare costs for residents so that they can continue to work, and childcare costs for staff performing essential functions (as defined at the state/local), to the extent they would not have incurred otherwise; and
- Other reasonable expenses related to preparing for the coronavirus.

Preventing: During a coronavirus local outbreak, PHAs may use funds to prevent the spread of the virus to staff and residents, including but not limited to:

- Costs related to maintaining adequate social distancing, including modifying or limiting access to communal spaces, increasing service hours to prevent crowding in waiting areas, or any other costs incurred to ensure adequate distance among staff and residents;
- Costs of delivering supplies so that staff or residents can shelter in place;
- Direct costs related to limiting the spread of the coronavirus, including travel costs for testing, or other preventive health measures related to coronavirus;
- Expenses of isolating people suspected of being exposed or those at high-risk of serious complications if infected (e.g., elderly residents, and residents with underlying conditions);
- Costs of protecting residents (particularly high-risk residents) from exposure from interaction with PHA staff;
- Payment of salaries of PHA staff unable to work because of the coronavirus public health restrictions (e.g., office
 management staff who cannot go into the office and cannot perform work remotely, or payment of full salaries of PHA
 staff forced to work part-time because of lack of child care); and
- Other reasonable expenses related to preventing the coronavirus.

Responding to: Funds may continue to be used after a local outbreak for any continuing expenses incurred due to the spread of coronavirus, including but not limited to:

- Expenses of caring for PHA staff and residents who have tested positive, but do not require immediate hospitalization, including:
 - Payment for increases in sick leave allowances for PHA staff;
 - Physical, personnel, or security costs incurred to limit movement;
 - Costs to safely transport residents that tested positive to a quarantine facility; and
 - Costs of supporting residents in quarantine such as health-related supplies.
- Expenses to safely transport residents/staff in need of medical attention;
- Expenses incurred because of coronavirus restrictions impacting PHA operations (e.g., paying for transportation expenses for PHA staff who rely on public transit that is no longer available);
- Costs to facilitate and coordinate with local schools and local governments receiving funds from the Department of Education for the education of students in public housing households:
 - Internet connection infrastructure; and
 - Tablets or other low-cost computers for students.
- Other reasonable expenses incurred while responding to the coronavirus.

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² Notice PIH 2020-07