



# Coronavirus Agricultural and Forestry Business Fund (CAFB Fund)

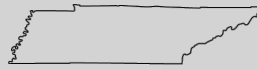
# CRF General Information

- Title V of the CARES Act established the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF).
- \$150 billion appropriation to make payments for specified uses to states, tribal governments, territories, and large units of local government.
- U.S. Treasury's funding allocation methodology is based on relative state population.

# CRF General Information



U.S. Treasury



State of Tennessee  
\$2.36B



**\$50 Million for  
Agricultural and  
Forestry Businesses**

# Coronavirus Agricultural & Forestry Business Fund

- \$50 million from Tennessee's Coronavirus Relief Fund.
- Fund is designated for agricultural and forestry businesses.
- Created for Agricultural and Forestry businesses who have not received COVID-19 funding.

# Timeline

	August	September	October
Application Period	Aug 17 — Aug 31		
Grading of Application Period		Sept 1 — Sept 14	
Final Decisions of Applications and Notifications to Applicants		Sept 15	
RFF Period		Sept 15 — Oct 31	

# Coronavirus Agricultural & Forestry Business Fund

- Funds must be used within the following categories:
  - Business Disruption
  - Costs Associated with Pandemic Response
  - Supply Chain Enhancement
  - Increased Meat Processing Capacity
- Funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis.
- Appropriate documentation must be provided to substantiate expenses and receive payment.

# Eligible Industries in Program

- Agricultural Fairs/Events/Expos
- Agricultural, Food & Forest Product Exporters
- Agritourism Operations
- Cheese Processors
- Community Food Kitchens
- Commodity Groups
- Co-Packing Businesses
- Cotton Gins
- Craft Breweries
- Distilleries
- Farmers Markets
- Food Distributors
- Food Processors
- Forest Product Manufacturers
- Grain Elevators
- Hemp Processors
- Horse Trails
- Horticultural Producers
- Livestock & Horse Shows
- Loggers
- Meat Processors
- Milk Processors
- Sawmills
- Specialty Crop Producers
- Transportation Providers
- Urban Ag Businesses Serving Food Deserts
- Wineries
- Other

# Applicant Requirements

- Applicants must be a Tennessee entity, or have a project based in Tennessee.
- Applicants must demonstrate that they have:
  - Incurred a business loss, and/or
  - have/will incur expenses that address the unique problems created by COVID-19
  - the ability to expand capacity and are in an industry where demand has increased because of COVID-19.
- Applicants must agree to Electronic Funds Transfer for payment.



# Relief Categories

- 01 Business Disruption
- 02 Costs Associated with Pandemic Response
- 03 Supply Chain Enhancement
- 04 Increased Meat Processing Capacity

# Business Disruption

- Applicant must prove business disruption through documentation and narrative.
- Possible substantiating documentation:
  - Financial statements
  - Bank statements
  - 2019 Income tax return
  - Sales tax returns
- Expenditure of funds granted to successful applicants will not be monitored following their disbursement.

# Costs Associated with Pandemic Response

- Reimbursement of specific costs related to COVID-19 pandemic response.
- Possible eligible expenses:
  - PPE needed to safely continue business operations
  - Infrastructure needed to safely continue business operations
  - Donations made to prevent produce from spoiling
  - Additional hires to safely continue business operations
  - Sanitation of workplace to safely continue business operations
  - Any other COVID-19-related expenses that help strengthen TN supply chains.
- Possible supporting documentation:
  - Invoice/Receipt
  - Proof of Payment
  - Shipping Documentation

# Supply Chain Enhancement

This category includes projects that strengthen and/or safely build Tennessee's food and fiber supply chains. This fund will be for existing agricultural and forestry businesses and include costs associated with increasing production or processing capacity, increasing the number of employees to combat supply chain issues, as well as throughputs, inventory and raw materials capacity issues created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Supporting Documentation

- Proof of Payment
- Timesheets
- Payroll Register
- Employee Roster

## Examples of Supply Chain Enhancement

- Any projects that enhance Tennessee's agricultural and forestry supply chains that have been disrupted by COVID-19.

# Increased Meat Processing Capacity

Projects that safely expand the capacity of an existing meat processing entities, where demand has increased due to COVID-19.

## Supporting Documentation

- Proof of Payment
- Timesheets
- Payroll Register
- Employee Roster

## Examples of Capacity Expansion

- Additional Cooler or Freezer Space
- Slaughter Floor Enhancements
- Expansion of workforce and all training it necessitates
- Any other creative capital projects or expansion of existing operations to strengthen supply chains by expanding capacity

# What's Next?

Register to attend an informational webinar at:

<https://tncaresact.tn.gov/agriculture-webinar>

**August 18**

**August 20**

**August 24**

**9 a.m. CST**



# Questions?