



Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

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Important Local CURE Update: Local CURE statute updated, permitting costs to be incurred from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021

The Department is providing this important update about the Local CURE program to all local governments which still have funds available.

Since the start of the Local CURE program the Department has had the authority to cover costs incurred by local governments for emergency COVID-19 related expenses for the period covering March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020. The Department is pleased to announce that due to a legislative change, the Local CURE program may now cover eligible expenses which have been incurred or will be incurred through **December 31, 2021**.

Local governments with unclaimed funds under the program should review the program's list of allowable expenditures located on the [Local CURE web page](#) and review the program's manual in order to make the most of the program's funds.

NOTE: This announcement is unrelated to communities still awaiting dollars being provided by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which allow for revenue replacement. Guidance is forthcoming on those dollars. Local CURE dollars are from the CARES Act and still require that the local government be reimbursed for costs related to mitigating COVID-19, like public safety payroll and public health expenditures.

New to the program?

For local governments interested in participating in the program for the first time, the DCEO team is here to help. Receiving reimbursement for eligible costs is as easy as:

- 1) **Certify:** Complete the certification process for your local governmental unit with the DCEO Office of Grants Management Team. The certification process is simply a few signatures agreeing to the terms of the program. To start the certification process, please contact David Parr at david.parr@illinois.gov. A unique certification identification number (or program ID) is assigned to your unit during this process.
- 2) **Register:** Once certification is complete, you will receive an email inviting you to register on the Local CURE Reporting Portal. Redeem the invitation by clicking on your local governmental unit's unique URL provided within that email. Through this email and link, you will access the Portal and set up a username and password to complete registration. For technical assistance, please contact us at LocalCURE@Crowe.com.
- 3) **Submit:** *Submit requests* for reimbursement through the [Local CURE Reporting Portal](#) using your username and password. For technical assistance, please reach out at LocalCURE@Crowe.com.

Started getting reimbursements but still have money left to claim?

- 1) **Check your Local CURE portal:** Many local governments have notes in their portal from Crowe requesting more information or suggesting alternative expenses. Please review these notes and make changes so expenses may be claimed for reimbursement.
- 2) **File 2021 Expenses:** Since the change in law, expenses occurring in 2021 for items like public safety payroll and public health are now eligible for reimbursement. Expenses from 2021 may now be submitted to the portal for reimbursement.
- 3) **For Public Health Departments:** Local public health departments that still have dollars remaining can now forward their allotment to their county via an intragovernmental agreement. Please contact David Parr at david.parr@illinois.gov to facilitate this.

Audit Requirements Reminder: As a recipient of Local CURE funding, your entity is required to comply with 2 CFR 200- Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, Subpart F- Audit Requirements, because the Local CURE program was funded by the federal CARES Act.

Please note the audit requirements tied to Local CURE will change based on state statute, the amount of federal funds spent under Local CURE, and funds received under other federal opportunities. The department recommends participating local governments seek the advice of qualified audit or accounting personal to discuss the audit implications of receiving federal funds.

Any questions regarding audit requirements can be sent to CEO.Accountability@Illinois.gov.

Other Updates: Since the program launched last fall, DCEO has authorized the release of over \$218 million in reimbursements for COVID-19 related emergency costs incurred by local governments, including over \$19 million in Economic Support Program grants administered by 60 different local governments throughout the state.

For more information or technical assistance on the Local CURE program, please visit [DCEO's website](#).