

Ready2Open Community & Veterans Halls Assistance Program

Application Period: October 26 to November 16, 2020

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants shall:
 - Be a non-profit organization physically located, operating, and headquartered in Merced County or a non-governmental organization responsible for operating a Merced County owned community or veterans hall, and
 - Have a demonstrated loss of revenue due to COVID-19, and
 - Own, and/or operate a community or veterans hall, which was available for community facility rental on March 19, 2020.
2. Applicants must demonstrate that their organization has been operating on or prior to March 19, 2020.
3. Applicants must be in good standing with Merced County and the city in which their organization is located.
4. Applications for organizations who have not received an SBA Payment Protection Program (PPP) Loan, an SBA Economic Injury Disaster (EIDL), or other COVID-19 related grants or loans will be prioritized.
5. Organizations will be required to sign a contract.
6. Applicants must submit proof business status.

For questions, please contact Ranjeev Dosanjh at (209) 724-2083. Apply now at: www.reopenmercedcounty.com

Financial Reimbursement Up To \$10,000

The Ready2Open Community and Veterans Halls Assistance Program has been developed by Merced County to provide local organizations, who operate and rent out community facilities in Merced County and have experienced a loss in revenue due to COVID-19, with financial assistance for the reimbursement of COVID-19 related operating expenses and other eligible expenses. Organizations are eligible for up to \$10,000 each.

Funding may be used to cover the following expenses if a loss of revenue was incurred between March 19, 2020 and the date of application:

- Mortgage/Rent/Lease costs: Unfunded expenditures for mortgage/rent/lease costs realized during the required closure of the community and veterans halls.
- Costs related to the upkeep of the facility, while unable to rent it out. Examples of such costs include utilities, pest control, repairs, and maintenance.
- Inventory or supplies required to safely reopen the facility including personal protective equipment, unfunded expenditures for the costs related to the reconfiguring of work and public spaces to accommodate social distancing, disinfectants, sanitizers, and expenditures to adapt spaces for outdoor services/dining.

