

# Special CHIRP Program Update



## Application Process Now Open!

### Apply Online:

<https://www.alleghenycounty.us/economic-development/chirp.aspx>

*On February 5, 2021, Governor Wolf signed into law Senate Bill 109 that allocates \$145 million to support the newly created COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP). Under this new program, restaurants, bars, and others in the hospitality industry that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic can apply for grants up to \$50,000. Grant funds are intended to alleviate revenue losses and pay eligible operating expenses due to the pandemic.*

*In accordance with the state guidelines, Allegheny County is working with local Certified Economic Development Organizations (CEDO) and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) to establish an application portal by March 15, 2021 and disburse funds to eligible businesses by July 31, 2021.*

### Uses

Grant funds will be awarded to eligible businesses to alleviate revenue losses and pay eligible operating expenses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Please visit [AlleghenyCounty.Us/CHIRP](https://AlleghenyCounty.Us/CHIRP) for updates on the CHIRP Grant, including: Eligibility Criteria and Documentation Requirements
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
  - Guidance for Calculating Employees, net worth, and ordinary expenses
  - Acceptable document formats

Thank you for your patience while we worked to establish program guidelines. Additional questions not addressed on the CHIRP website can be directed to [CHIRP@AlleghenyCounty.Us](mailto:CHIRP@AlleghenyCounty.Us). Please note, we're experiencing a high volume of inquiries and will respond as soon as possible.

## Upcoming Chamber Meetings- mark your calendars!

April PowerHour - Thursday, April 8, 11:30 - 12:30 - topic to come

April Meeting - Tuesday, April 20, 10:00 - 11:00

*Must send email to [office@shchamber.org](mailto:office@shchamber.org) for Zoom link.*