

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Coronavirus Citizen-Owned Business Relief Program

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation (MCN) National Council approved the MCN Coronavirus Citizen-Owned Business Relief Program in June 2020 to provide economic development relief grants to MCN Citizen-owned businesses and enterprises for expenses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic consistent with Title V of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Beginning October 1, 2020, out of state MCN citizen-owned businesses can apply for the MCN Coronavirus Citizen-Owned Business Relief Program. Applicants must acknowledge that receipt of the grant may be considered gross income by the Internal Revenue Services and, therefore, may be taxable. As such, MCN may issue a 1099 to the recipient if necessary.

Program Details

MCN Citizen-Owned Businesses are eligible for up to \$50,000 in grant support to purchase personal protective equipment, to cover utilities, mortgage or rental expenses, or to make minor renovations that support social distancing. Payroll expenses are also eligible if they are related to closures or additional needs for employees in response to the Pandemic.

Application Requirements

Applicants must verify citizenship and business ownership, including itemized list of expenses related to business interruption and a point of contact for follow up documentation.

Applications for the program can only be obtained through the Secretary of the Nation and Commerce Office (SNC). **If you wish to request an application or inquire about eligibility, please contact Zech Harjo at zharjo@mcn-nsn.gov or 918-549-2767 or 918-758-8782.**

Procedures for Approval

Upon receipt of application and required documentation, SNC will review and approve applications for allowable expenses up to \$50,000. Upon approval, the applicant will receive eighty percent (80%) of the approved grant amount. A final payment of the balance will be sent upon receipt of documentation that approved expenses were incurred. Final documents are due to SNC no later than November 30, 2020 or 30 days from receipt of award.