



FROM: North Carolina Outdoor Heritage Advisory Council
DATE: July 10, 2020 (Amended on August 28, 2020 & March 17, 2021)
SUBJECT: Outdoor Heritage CARES Act Funds GO Grant Guidelines

A) CARES Act and OHAC Restrictions

1. Funds must be used between March 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021
2. Necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19
3. Funds requested in the applications and proposals which were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment of the CARES Act) for the State or government
4. Funds requested can be used for expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements, in connection with school closings to enable compliance with COVID-19 precautions
5. Labor/payroll – Restrict grants to a maximum of 10% allowable for labor/payroll with a preference to proposals that do not include payroll.
 - a. This labor payroll restriction does not apply to the following:
 - i. Grants for the development of online educational content.
 - ii. Any labor/payroll grant for a newly created position.
 - iii. But for the grant, the grantee could not otherwise continue to fund the position.

B) Eligibility for the COVID-19 Funds

1. Schools -Public, Private, Charter, Homeschool and Residential. Residential includes Children's Homes, where children attend a local school but live on campus, and due to COVID, are not allowed to leave campus.
2. 501c-3 and businesses– They must have the capability for a regional or statewide impact with their organization, their mission should align with OHAC and further OHAC's mission or have the capability to adopt OHAC's mission and brand

C) Projects/Partnerships

1. Must impact underserved families and children who are not traditionally outdoors or do not have the opportunity to participate in outdoor heritage activities
2. Facilities partnering must adopt outdoor heritage programming and OHAC signage
3. Cap on total funding for any one grantee– \$100,000 cap
4. Grant Selection Committee shall consider geographic diversity when approving grants

D) Increased GO Grant amounts for COVID-19 Funds

1. Up to \$15,000 for on campus learning centers/structures and greenhouses
2. Up to \$5,000 for on campus activities such as field trips coming to the campus
3. The Grant Selection Committee will determine the amount awarded to 501c-3 business and other entities