

# ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS





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## **OVERVIEW**

On July 27, the Moody Foundation awarded Hidalgo County \$250,000 dollars to assist with first responders, front-line workers and PPE responding to the COVID-19 crisis.

The following proposal is in direct alignment with the conditions required for the distribution of funds.

### **Background**

In March 2020, the County Judge issued the Declaration of Local Disaster for Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19.

Our first responders have had to work tirelessly and risk their lives daily to provide quality care to the entire County. Some first responders have tested positive and suffered economic losses.

### **Purpose**

The Hidalgo County established the Economic Assistance Grant for First Responders from Moody Foundation funds to assist EMT's, Firefighters, and Law Enforcement Officers that have tested positive for COVID-19.

First Responders may qualify for a \$500 dollar grant for economic assistance for expenses associated with the care of testing positive for COVID-19. Grants will be available until funds are depleted.

The Hidalgo County will provide a direct payment to the eligible applicant.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Must be a resident of Hidalgo County
- Must provide proof of employment as a first responder
- Must provide a W9
- Must provide proof of testing COVID-19 positive

### **Funding**

Funding for the program is provided by the Moody Foundation. An amount of \$50,000 dollars is allocated to provide 100 grants to First Responders in the amount of \$500 dollars each.

The grant will be available at a first come first serve basis until funds are depleted.

### **How to Apply**

1. Applications will be accepted starting 2020.
2. Applications can be found on the [Hidalgocounty.us](http://Hidalgocounty.us) website.
3. Click on the Application button to download
4. Fill out the application completely. Incomplete applications will be rejected.
5. Submit the application to [EAG@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:EAG@co.hidalgo.tx.us)
6. For questions or assistance please call 956-318-2600 from Monday- Friday, 9am- 5pm or email [EAG@co.hidalgo.tx.us](mailto:EAG@co.hidalgo.tx.us)

### **Process:**

- Applicant must submit complete application to County Administrator
- County administrator will review application for eligibility
- County administrator will contact the applicant to request the required documents
- County administrator will submit required documents to the Auditor for payment
- Hidalgo County Auditor reviews
- Hidalgo County will issue out a direct payment to the first responder

### **Required Documents**

1. Proof of current employment (paystub)
2. Proof of address
3. IRS Form W-9
4. Proof of testing COVID-19 positive (e.g. document from physician)

If the applicant is awarded a grant, an ACH form or check form must be completed.



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## **APPLICATION**

Please submit the following application if you would like to be considered for the Economic Assistance Grant for First Responders.

**\*\*\* ONLY APPLY IF YOU ARE A FIRST RESPONDER\*\*\***

Please answer every question. Do not leave any questions blank. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

### **APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

### **INITIAL ELIGIBILITY**

1. Do you live in Hidalgo County?

Yes

No

2. Are you a First Responder? (employed as a Firefighter, EMT, Law Enforcement Officer)

Yes

No

3. Have you tested positive for COVID-19?

Yes

No

### **GENERAL CERTIFICATIONS**

4. I will submit a W-9 when requested.

Yes

No

5. I will submit proof that I tested positive for COVID-19.

Yes

No

6. I will submit proof that I am/was employed as a First Responder when I tested positive for COVID-19.

Yes

No

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Applicant Signature

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Date

*Hidalgo County is a governmental body subject to the Texas Public Information Act. Information you submit to Hidalgo County in this application may be subject to the Act and, therefore, subject to public release.*

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