

Funding available!

Does your district need funding for costs related to communication, remote work equipment, cleaning supplies, or tools to enhance social distancing and sanitation? MACD and SWCDM can help!

Deadline: September 16, 2020

Background: MACD and SWCDM are able to apply for reimbursement funds through the [Montana Business Adaptability Grant Program](#) for businesses and nonprofits. There is very limited funding, but this will enable MACD and SWCDM to purchase some necessary items for the districts. At this time districts are not eligible to apply for this grant on their own.

Eligibility: This funding can be used for things like computers, software, and printers. Please see the full list of eligible items on the next page. This funding is only available for items that have not yet been purchased.

For this funding it is important that MACD and SWCDM make the purchase, not the districts, in order for the purchase to be eligible through the Business Adaptability Grant Program. Please wait to hear back from us about the funding so that we can move forward purchasing necessary items. MACD and SWCDM will purchase items for the districts in order to get the grant reimbursement. The items will be sent directly to the districts. We will respond to all requests within a week of the deadline.

Decision criteria: There is approximately \$14,000 available. Depending on demand, MACD and SWCDM may not be able to fulfill all requests or may only be able to partially fund requests. Requests are capped at \$3000 per district.

The following factors will be considered when making this decision:

- Need (Why does the District need this item to function?)
- District operational budget and pre-existing resources
- Submitting request by the deadline

How to apply to MACD/SWCDM for funds?

Please do ONE of the following:

1. Fill out the Google Form here → <https://forms.gle/cZ1u7PQsgDhJBTTu9>

OR (if you are experiencing technical difficulties)

2. Write a short letter to MACD that includes:

- Name, Title, Conservation District
- Phone number
- Please describe the need in your district
- What is your districts operational budget?
- What items are you requesting? What is the cost of each item? Please be specific and include links to items you are looking at. Please tell us if computers need to be USDA approved.
- If you requested multiple items, please tell us which ones have the highest priority.
- Email this letter to rebecca@macdnet.org

Questions or comments?

We are here to help! Please contact Rebecca at (406)443-5711 or Rebecca@macdnet.org

Thank you for your time and interest. We are doing everything we can to support the districts through this unprecedented time.

ELIGIBLE ITEMS

Grants will provide reimbursement for costs incurred by businesses to offset costs of COVID-related supplies, communications, repairs and maintenance, travel costs and training to allow them to adapt to COVID-19 restrictions.

Examples of costs eligible for reimbursement is provided below.

Communications

- Postage/shipping
- Software/Hardware to encourage remote work

Repairs & maintenance

- Replacement of porous surfaces with non-porous for ease of sanitation
- Repairs & maintenance Remodel to add drive-through or curbside services

Services

- Installation for plexiglass or other barriers
- Contracting expenses for installation of equipment
- Cleaning services
- Training costs for Covid Safety in food service

Supplies

- Plexiglass or other barrier materials
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Cleaning Supplies
- Hand Sanitizer
- Thermometers/Temperature checks
- Printing & Signage
- Floor markings for social distancing
- Caution tape or similar supplies for blocking off certain areas
- Hand Washing Stations
- N-95 fit testing or fit testing equipment
- Stations for controlling client/customer movement
- Self-checkout kiosks
- Isolation and ventilation modification for ambulance vehicles
- Office furniture to encourage remote work
- Office supplies to encourage remote work
- Point-of-Sale (POS) systems to minimize customer/cashier interaction

Travel

- Hotel for quarantining employees