

DUPAGE COUNTY HOTEL RELIEF PROGRAM

Frequently Asked Questions



Is this a fully-funded program?

Yes. Funding is from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), signed into law on March 11, 2021 to provide COVID-19 relief and economic stimulus. The County of DuPage received \$179,266,585.00 from ARPA. The DuPage County Board voted on Tuesday, July 12, 2022 to approve and allocate \$2 million in DuPage County ARPA funds for the DuPage County Hotel Relief Program.

Is this considered a loan that needs to be repaid?

No. The Hotel Relief Program is a DuPage County-specific program for COVID-19 relief. Funding for the program comes from ARPA dollars, the program must align with the federal ARPA policies and regulations. Each eligible and approved hotel will receive a one-time payment that does not have to be repaid. This program also does not require a matching grant.

Other COVID-19 related programs had a limited amount of funding which awarded in priority of order submission until funds were depleted. Is this program the same?

No. DCVB ensured every hotel property that's eligible would be accounted for in the appropriated dollar amount from DuPage County.

Who is the recipient of the one-time payment?

Application information must be that of the hotel ownership group — the intended recipient of the payment.

Can I complete one application and list all of my DuPage County hotels on that one form?

No, a completed Application & Attestation Form and W9 must be submitted for each individual hotel.

What is the award process?

DCVB will review each application submission for completeness and accuracy. DCVB will submit a check request to DuPage County, listing the hotel ownership name, mailing address, and award amount per the \$112 per room allocation. DuPage County will cut checks on a rolling basis and mail them directly to hotel ownership. A 1099 will be issued by DuPage County at the end of the year.

What is the taxable status of this ARPA award?

Please speak directly with your tax professional.

What are some ARPA-eligible expenses under this program?

Funds received under this program must be used for qualified expenses at the property level to assist in recovering transient, business and group travel or guest experience. Some examples include –

Transportation: Shuttles, drivers, rental of vans/busses, costs for business accounts for shared ride services.

Audio/Visual costs.

Hybrid meetings.

Hosting and incentives fees, loyalty point costs or group room rebates.

Costs associated with business lost during the pandemic in order to recover or rebook transient or group rooms.

Improved guest experience and amenities.