

COVID-19 Relief Fund

The Manitoba Cooperative Association (MCA) is administering a pool of funds provided by the Co-operators Group to be given out as grants for COVID-19 relief. These grants are being awarded to support Manitoba co-ops who have had to change their operations in order to continue serving their members amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grants will be awarded based on need on a first come, first served basis until our grant funds are depleted. Typical grants will be between **\$500 - \$1,000**, however in rare instances if the financial need is demonstrated grants of up to \$2,000 will be considered. All applicants need to self-declare their need for the funds. As funds are limited, we would like to make sure that the funds go to co-ops who have declared that the funds will assist them in surviving the challenges that the pandemic has confronted them with.

These grants are to help cover costs associated with changing how you operate in order to safely continue serving members and your community. The following is a list of examples that the grant would cover the costs of:

- Technology or software upgrades to allow e-commerce or online governance
- Installation of shields to protect front-line workers
- Installation of hand washing or hand sanitizing stations to promote healthy habits

We are willing to fund costs incurred since March 15 or costs that will be incurred in the future in order to continue operations through the pandemic. For already incurred costs, please include copies of receipts with this application. For future costs, please provide estimates or quotes with the application.

Please submit applications to **info@manitoba.coop**. All applications will be reviewed as they are received. Once the applications are reviewed, if approved, a cheque will be issued and sent to the successful applicant immediately. No final reports are required.

1) Applicant Information

Name of Cooperative:

How much are you applying for: \$

Mailing Address and Telephone Number:

Contact Person and Title (including direct phone **and email address**):

2) Project Description

Please describe what activities you will undertake with the grant in order to continue your operations during the pandemic:

3) Demonstrate Need

Please illustrate how this funding will assist your co-op:

4) Expenses

What are the costs associated with the activities outlined in this application? Please include receipts and or estimates/quotes with this application.