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**MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY STATEWIDE EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX BORROWING  
PROGRAM – Frequently Asked Questions**

1. When was this Program established?

This Program was enacted on June 15, 2020, from [House bill H.951 \(Act 108\)](#).

2. How is the Program funded?

This Program is funded by a \$2.7 million appropriation from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, which was established by section 5001 of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116–136 (the CARES Act). Accordingly, the Program will be administered in a manner consistent with the CARES Act and any guidance or regulations issued pursuant to that section.

This program is assigned Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 21.019

3. Which Municipalities are eligible to participate in the Program?

“Municipality” means a city, town, incorporated village, the unorganized towns and gores of Essex County, Buel’s Gore, and any incorporated school district with authority to collect statewide education property taxes.

4. What “short-term borrowing costs” are eligible for reimbursement under the Program.

The costs must meet the following to be eligible for reimbursement under the Program:

- Were incurred by a municipality (as defined above);
- Reflect only the commercially reasonable interest incurred for a short-term borrowing that was directly attributable to and necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Were incurred due to delayed or under-collected statewide education property taxes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and used by the municipality to make its calendar year 2020 Education Fund payment(s) to the State of Vermont, as required by 32 V.S.A. § 5402.
- Were not included in the municipality’s budget or any amendment to the budget enacted on or prior to March 27, 2020;
- Were incurred during the period March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

5. What “short-term borrowing costs” **are not** eligible for reimbursement under the Program

The following costs **are not** eligible for reimbursement under this Program: principal payments, fees, or any interest on borrowing not directly attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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6. What is the preferred method of submittal for the application?

Electronic submittal to the email address listed on Page 1 of the application is strongly preferred.

7. What should be expected after submission of the Application to the Treasurer's Office?

Reimbursements under this Program will be made to municipalities that submit a complete application that satisfies all of requirements set forth in the act. Where an application is incomplete or unclear, Treasurer's Office staff may seek additional information in order to ensure compliance with State act and section 5001 of the CARES Act, or other federal program, so long as funds are made available.

8. In what order will applications be reviewed, and program funds disbursed?

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Grants for approved applications will be processed in the same order in which the applications are received, up to an aggregate total of \$2.7 million.

9. How will the reimbursement payment be made to the municipality?

Payment will be made using existing ACH/EFT bank information on file with the State for payments to the municipality. If there is a change, please notify the Office of the State Treasurer.