

Request for Funding: Narrative

- Narrative should answer the following questions:
- Why was this expense incurred?
 - Due to COVID-19, it was necessary to...
 - The entity budgeted for \$XXXX.XX; however, there was an additional expense of \$XXX.XX due to COVID-19...
 - *Only the additional expenses are eligible for reimbursement in the case that an original plan was in place regardless of COVID-19.
 - These funds were used to...
 - Promote tourism
 - Create marketing initiatives
 - Ensure safe events/traveling/tourism
 - Update/change/alter advertisements to include a safety message or marketing initiative related to the response to COVID-19



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- The narrative should be detailed enough to answer the following:
 - a) How it safely promotes bringing tourism to TN
 - b) How it was necessary due to COVID-19, and
 - c) Clearly show any additional expenses incurred related to a previously budgeted/planned event

* In the event the funds are audited by the OIG, the auditor should be able to review documentation supporting how the funds meet the program's intent, and how they were used.



Request for Funding: Supporting Documentation

- Supporting Documentation for each RFF*
 - Proof of payment
 - ✓ Credit card statement / check used / bank statements
 - ✓ Must include the name of the organization that paid
 - *The requesting organization <u>MUST</u> be the payer on the proof of payment document
 - Shipping and/or proof of delivery
 - ✓ Tracking number
 - If the item was picked up:
 - ✓ Proof that the items/services were received
 - ✓ links to advertisement, banners, etc.
 - ✓ Proof of pick-up
 - Payroll
 - ✓ Payroll register showing pay rates and hours that align with detailed narrative
 - Sample material for marketing campaigns
 - ✓ Flyers, URL, program brochure, etc.
 - Contracts & Invoices
 - ✓ Dates / breakdown/itemized of how the funds were used



^{*} This list is not all-inclusive, other documentation may be sufficient support for the expense incurred.

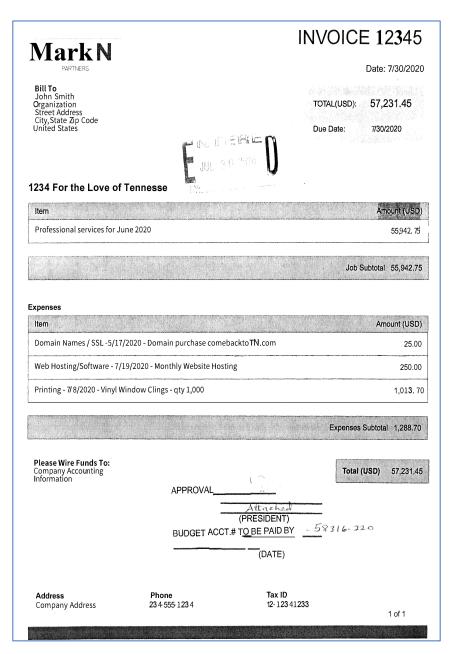
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Sample Narratives

- Insufficient:
 - Purchased video camera for staff use.
- Good:
 - Purchased video camera for staff to create marketing initiatives and host virtual events.
- Better:
 - Purchased video camera for staff to create video marketing initiatives and virtual events. The office did not have the capability to produce video and host virtual events.
- Best:
 - Purchased video camera for staff to create marketing initiatives and virtual events. As a result of COVID-19, marketing has shifted to market with more video and to produced streamed / virtual events to keep our destination top of mind and to show we are a safe destination. The staff has produced two videos showcasing the outdoors and our attractions including the "For the Love of Tennessee" campaign.



Request for Funding: Contracts & Marketing Initiatives



- Insufficient: Professional services to create a marketing campaign to promote safe return to TN.
- Good: Professional services to create a marketing campaign to promote safe return to TN. Company designed a website with advertisement encouraging visitors to safely travel to TN.
- Better: Professional services to create a marketing campaign to promote safe return to TN. Company designed a website with advertisement encouraging visitors to safely travel to TN. Company spent 40 hours designing a marketing campaign at a rate of \$XXX.XX/hr with a team of XX personnel. Company redesigned banners and videos encouraging visitors to safely travel to TN.
- Best: Better + Professional communications services in support of the
 efforts surrounding the new "For the Love of Tennessee" program, which
 was developed with the input from research to assist local businesses with
 information and strategies necessary for the safe re-opening to visitors in
 the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic for both their employees and
 customers. This program is a critical part of our safe marketing to the
 traveling public by communicating that TN is taking the necessary steps to
 provide a safe destination once people are ready to begin traveling again.

^{*} The invoice and/or contract must provide an itemized breakdown of how the funds were used.



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ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
Digital Marketing:Social Media Management COVID SAFE TRAVEL ADS MANAGEMENT Paid Facebook Instagram Management - 10hrs/month at \$125 for 3mo. - Audience management - Budget management - Reporting	30 5/hr	125.00	3,750.00T
Sales Tax Sales Tax calculated by AvaTax on Thu 03 Sep 23:20:31 UTC 2020	1	0.00	0.00
	SUBTOTAL		12,250.00
	TAX		0.00
	TOTAL		12,250.00
	TOTAL DUE	\$1	2,250.00
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FAQ: https://tncaresact.tn.gov/tourism-faqs
*The FAQs are updated weekly on Friday.





