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Funds to Reimburse Certain Non-Profits and Local Government

HONOLULU — The Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) today announced the availability of funds to reimburse state and local government entities and certain non-profits for unemployment insurance benefits. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, provides emergency funds to help mitigate economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing these organizations up to 50% reimbursement of benefits charges for weeks of unemployment between March 13, 2020 and December 31, 2020. Only nonprofit employers that make payment in lieu of contributions are eligible for the reimbursement.

The DLIR will use a staggered schedule to implement the reimbursement by posting notice in the employer portal and making available requests for reimbursement by a "Request for Reimbursement – CARES Act Refund." The staggered requests for reimbursement become available on the following dates for the months of March through August:

September 15 – March

September 16 – April

September 17 – May

September 18 – June

September 21 – July

September 22 – August

For September, October, November and December the notice will appear on or about the 5th workday of the month following benefit charges.

For the upcoming months eligible employers will not need to pay the full amount of benefits up front as the reimbursement request will show the reimbursement and credit in the account after submittal. Eligible employers may offset new benefit charges with the reimbursement and request credits through the portal. The department will automatically administer the process, so no action is required of employers.

For FAQs about the program please visit: https://labor.hawaii.gov/ui/main/reimbursement-nonprofits-and-local-government/

For more information about unemployment insurance and other labor issues please visit the

recently revised FAQs at https://labor.hawaii.gov/covid-19-labor-faqs/.

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