Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program

Supplemental Funding: The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

This communication is intended to provide details about supplemental funding for SHIP-eligible hospitals through The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2). This one-time funding under Section 711 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 711(c)).

SHIP grantees will make subawards to eligible small rural hospitals, in the amount of $230,000 per hospital to increase COVID-19 testing efforts, expand access to testing in rural communities, and expand the range of mitigation activities to meet community need. The period of performance is July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022.

Funded activities include testing education, establishment of alternate testing sites, test result processing, arranging for the processing of test results, and engaging in other activities within the [CDC Community Mitigation Framework](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/community-mitigation.html) to address COVID-19 in rural communities. This funding may not be used to purchase, disseminate, or administer COVID-19 vaccines, but can be used for community vaccine education. See the attached list of example activities for more information.

Hospitals that accept this funding will meet the following reporting requirements.

* Website Reporting - Report directly to online website, the number of tests administered and the use of funds by program category.
* Minor Alteration & Renovation (A/R) Projects, *if applicable* – A/R is defined as, “work that changes the interior arrangements or other physical characteristics of an existing facility or installed equipment so that it can be used more effectively for its currently designated purpose or adapted to an alternative use to meet a programmatic requirement. Alteration and renovation may include work referred to as improvements, conversion, rehabilitation, remodeling, or modernization, but is distinguished from construction and large-scale permanent improvements”. If the proposed A/R project is part of a larger overall project that exceeds $500,000, it may not be artificially segmented to achieve the cost threshold. A/R activities may not increase the total square footage of existing buildings, and may not be part of larger construction projects.
* Tangible Equipment List, *if applicable* - All equipment purchases must be reported to the SORH before the period of performance end date. The specific date of submission will be determined by the SORH. Reporting will include all moveable equipment that has a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost of at least $5,000, including information technology systems. The following information will be required. The template spreadsheet for collecting this information will be provided.
  + Type – Select clinical or non-clinical.
  + Item Description – Provide a description of each item.
  + Unit Price – Enter the price of each item.
  + Quantity – Enter of the number of each item to be purchased.
  + Total Price – Multiply the unit price by the quantity entered.

**Hospital Name:**

**Address:**

**City/State/Zip code:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Hospital ACCEPTS COVID SHIP Testing funds.**

**Hospital is REFUSING COVID SHIP Testing funds.**

**Reason for refusal** *(Optional)****:***

**Administrator/CEO Signature:**  **Date:**

(E-signatures acceptable.)