Allowable Uses of Funds

SHIP ARP Testing and Mitigation

The following tables provide information about allowable uses of funds under the SHIP ARP Testing and Mitigation grant. Remember that all costs must be reasonable, allowable, and allocable to the grant. All costs must relate to testing and mitigation activities. The framework for allowable activities focus on items that improve the hospital and health care operations and systems on the whole, not from the individual patient or provider outcomes perspective and not related to direct patient care

**General Testing and Mitigation**

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| Allowable |
| * Costs for testing, including procuring, providing or processing COVID-19 tests (including at home testing kits)
* Simultaneous multi-disease tests that include COVID
* Mitigation activities for COVID and other related respiratory disease
* Hospital and community level testing and education (including home health, hospice, long term care partners)
* Supporting EMS as they relate to testing and mitigation efforts, and part of a system improvement process
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| Unallowable |
| * Costs related to treatment or direct care
* Vaccine purchase or dissemination, including boosters
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**Minor Alterations and Renovation**

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| Allowable |
| * Alteration/renovations that do not qualify as construction to create isolation areas for potential COVID patients
* Alteration/renovations that update surfaces to more sanitary materials
* Alterations/renovations that do not qualify as construction to renovate laboratories are other key spaces for more safe and efficient testing
* Automating doors and other high touch surfaces, such as sinks and toilets.
* Creating negative pressure spaces in common spaces such as waiting rooms and bathrooms, or in rooms used to treat COVID positive patients.
* Installing tents, sheds, or other temporary structures to use for testing or mitigation activities
* Purchasing and installing HVAC and associated expenses
* Purchasing and installing ionized filtration systems for HVAC units
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| Ask your PO |
| * Minor Alteration/Renovation request that exceed 50% of the hospital’s total award
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| Unallowable |
| * Construction costs. Construction includes any of the following:
	+ Construction of a building addition;
	+ Construction of a new building;
	+ Installation of a modular building;
	+ Building expansions;
	+ Work that increases the building footprint; and
	+ Significant new ground disturbance.
* Projects with a total cost of $500,000 or greater.
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**Supplies and Equipment**

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| Allowable |
| * Devices for fit testing masks or other personal protective equipment
* Educational materials for dissemination to the public
* Lab supplies and equipment for COVID testing
* Masks and respirators
* Portable equipment such as portable x-ray machines that prevent patients from having to be moved throughout the facility
* Sanitation and cleaning equipment, including disinfectant robots
* Temperature screening systems used for mitigation strategies
* Ultraviolet sanitation devices
* Upgrading or expanding for telemetry equipment as part of a larger mitigation strategy
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| Ask your PO |
| * Additional beds
* Communication equipment such as radios for communication between EMS and Hospital
* Diagnostic supplies or equipment
* Electronic messaging boards
* Proximity badge systems
* Vehicles
* Video streaming equipment
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| Unallowable |
| * Glidescopes
* Percussion beds
* Ventilators
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**Staffing**

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| Allowable |
| * Cost of paying screeners placed at facility entrance doors to protect both patients and employees
* Cost of staff time for testing
* Cost of staff time to courier tests to lab
* Cost of staff time to develop and implement COVID-19 mitigation, including but not limited to preventing staff burnout and community care coordination activities
* Cost of staff time for COVID-19 monitoring programs and/or contact tracing
* Care coordination is allowable if it is for system level strategy, not direct individual patient care
* Hiring costs such as advertising and recruitment costs
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| Ask your PO |
| * Implementation of staff burnout strategies
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| Unallowable |
| * Employee Childcare Assistance
* Hazard pay
* Hiring travel nurses
* Housing allowances
* Increasing salaries for existing staff
* Meals for staff
* Recruitment or retention bonuses
* Staff Bonuses or incentive
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Technology

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| Allowable |
| * Digital meeting technology in order to maintain physical distancing and reduce traffic throughout the facility.
* EHR costs supportive of COVID testing and mitigation.
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**Version History**

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| **Version** | **Changes** |
| 1 | Original |
| 2 | Generally, minor A/R to create negative pressure spaces is allowable, even in rooms where individuals are treated |