



FY 2021 American Rescue Plan - Health Center Construction and Capital Improvements

HRSA-21-114

General Overview

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ARP - Capital Team

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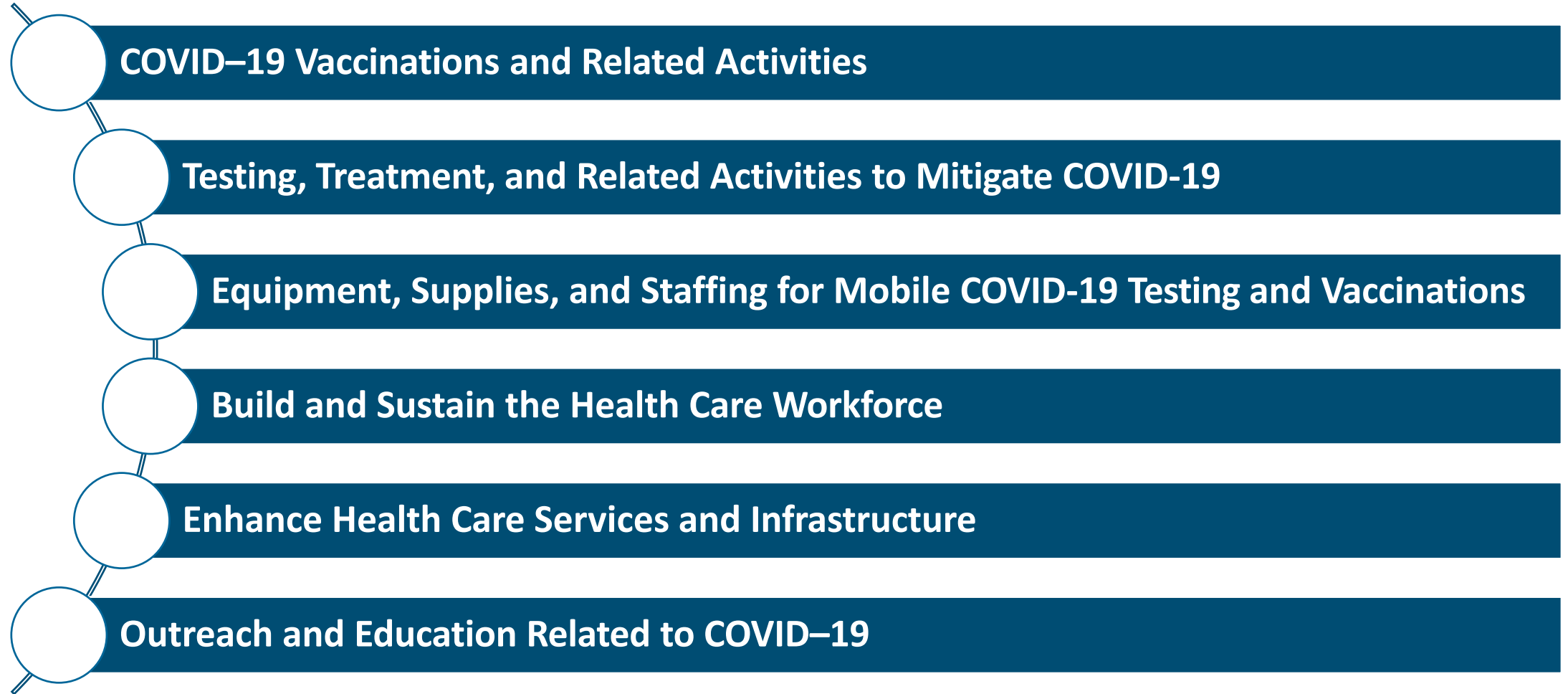


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American Rescue Plan of 2021



ARP-Capital

To support construction, expansion, alteration, renovation, and other capital improvements to modify, enhance, and expand health care infrastructure.

Funding Opportunity Information

- New grant (C8E award code)
- One-time funding
- 3-year period of performance (9/1/21 – 8/31/24)
- \$1 billion (total funding)
- Approximately 1,376 awards
- Up to 5 projects per application



Eligibility Requirements

- To be eligible to apply, your organization must be an existing and active health center receiving Health Center Program operational support (H80) under sections 330(e), (g), (h), and/or (i) at the time of application and at the time of award.
- You are not eligible to receive this funding if you have one or more of the following characteristics at the time of award:
 - Five or more Health Center Program requirement area conditions that are in the 60-day phase of Progressive Action.
 - One or more Health Center Program requirement area condition(s) that are in the 30-day phase of Progressive Action.



Funding Formula

C8E

=

**\$500,000
base amount**

+

**\$11 per patient
(2019 UDS
data)**

C8E - H8F Minor A/R Comparison

C8E

No limit on project costs

Exterior expansion work permitted

May use up to maximum funding formula amount for activities

Cannot leverage H8F funding for ARP-Capital

H8F

Per site project cost cannot be \$500,000 or greater

New construction activities, additions, or expansions **not allowed**

May use up to \$500,000 of H8F funds for minor A/R

Cannot leverage C8E funding for H8F minor A/R projects

Project Types

Construction of a New Facility

- New building structure
- New stand-alone structure

- Example – construction of a new standalone service delivery site

Construction/Expansion (C/E) of an Existing Facility

- Adds square footage and/or includes significant site work

- Examples – expansion of a new pharmacy wing; addition of a covered driveway for patient drop off

Alteration/Renovation (A/R) of an Existing Facility

- Involves renovations to an existing facility that does not increase square footage of the facility

- Examples – modernizing facility interior; reconfigure existing space to add new exam spaces that support additional patient capacity

Equipment Only

- Loose, moveable equipment not affixed to the physical building structure, and with a useful life of more than one year

- Example – purchase of new clinical equipment; purchase of a mobile van

Use of Funds

Project Activity	Permitted
Construction related activities associated with a project or connected activity (e.g., installation of utilities, demolition) that starts before the award date	No
Pre-construction costs (architect's fees and consultant's fees necessary to the planning and design of the project) incurred dating back to January 31, 2020.	Yes
New sites across all project types	Yes
Purchase of new or replacement mobile medical vans	Yes



Unallowable Costs



EHR initiation, ongoing operations and maintenance



Health center operating costs, rent, mortgage payments, refinanced credit facilities



Construction related activities associated with a project or connected activity that starts before the award date



Creation of shell space for future use



Facility, land, or passenger vehicle purchases other than mobile medical vans



Costs for staff not directly related to the implementation of the proposed project(s)



Creation or improvement of space for use that is not consistent with the Health Center Program

Environmental and Historic Preservation Compliance

- HRSA requires that you provide information on the anticipated environmental impact as part of the application.
- NEPA related reviews must be completed and conditions of award must be released prior to commencing work outside of purchasing moveable equipment, engaging architectural and engineering services, or acquiring necessary licenses, permits and other approvals for the project.
- More information about environmental and historic preservation requirements is available at <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/nepa-nhpa/capital-development.html>



Schematic Drawings/Diagrams

Construction/Expansion Projects

- Proposed Site Plan
- Proposed Schematic Drawings/Diagrams of floor plans (proposed)

Alteration/Renovation Projects

- Current Schematic Drawings/Diagrams (before demolition)
- Proposed Schematic Drawings/Diagrams of floor plans (proposed)

Equipment Only

- Schematic drawings are not applicable

Project Description

For each project, provide a detailed description of the planned activities, including the following (where applicable):

- Overall square footage renovating or proposing
- Clinical and non-clinical area(s) to be impacted
- Creation of a new stand-alone structure
- Number of new rooms/areas added or improved
- Expansion of an existing structure to increase the total square footage
- Improvement and/or reconfiguration of the interior arrangements of an existing facility
- Installation of permanently affixed equipment
- Modifications and/or repairs to the building exterior (including windows)
- Heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) modifications
- Electrical upgrades and/or plumbing work
- Purchases of clinical and/or non-clinical moveable equipment items
- Other sources of funds to complete the project



Resources to Support Additional Project Financing

New Market Tax Credits

- Attracts private capital into low-income communities
- Corporate investors receive a tax credit

HRSA Health Center Facility Loan Guarantee Program (LGP)

- To facilitate access to capital funding and reduce financing cost for health centers
- Guarantees up to 80% of financing needed
- Health centers are eligible

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI)

- Private institutions that lend and provide services in low-income communities

Application and Submission Information

- Health centers can access their applications in the HRSA Electronic Handbooks (EHB) starting May 7th, 2021
 - HRSA will send a separate email with code to access EHB application
- Applications are due in the EHBs on June 24th, 2021 at 5 p.m. EST
- Next Webinar:
 - ARP- Capital Application and Submission, May 18th, 2021



C8E Technical Assistance Webpage

TA Webinar Information

Eligibility Information

Submission Forms and Reporting

TA Contacts

[View C8E technical assistance webpage](#)



Technical Assistance Contacts

Program and Technical (EHB)
related Questions



Health Center Program Support

- BPHC Contact Form:
<https://www.hrsa.gov/about/contact/bphc.aspx>
- (877) 464-4772

Business,
Administrative, Fiscal
Issues



Grants Management Specialist

- David Colwander
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- (301) 443-7858

Health Center Program Support Contact Form

To submit an inquiry via the [BPHC Contact Form](#):

Enter contact and organization information

Select Applicant

Select Health Center

Select Capital

Select ARP-Capital (C8E)



Thank You!

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