



# **FY 2023 Health Center Program COVID-19 Bridge Access Program Funding (Bridge Funding) Question and Answer Session**

Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)/Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

**Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People**



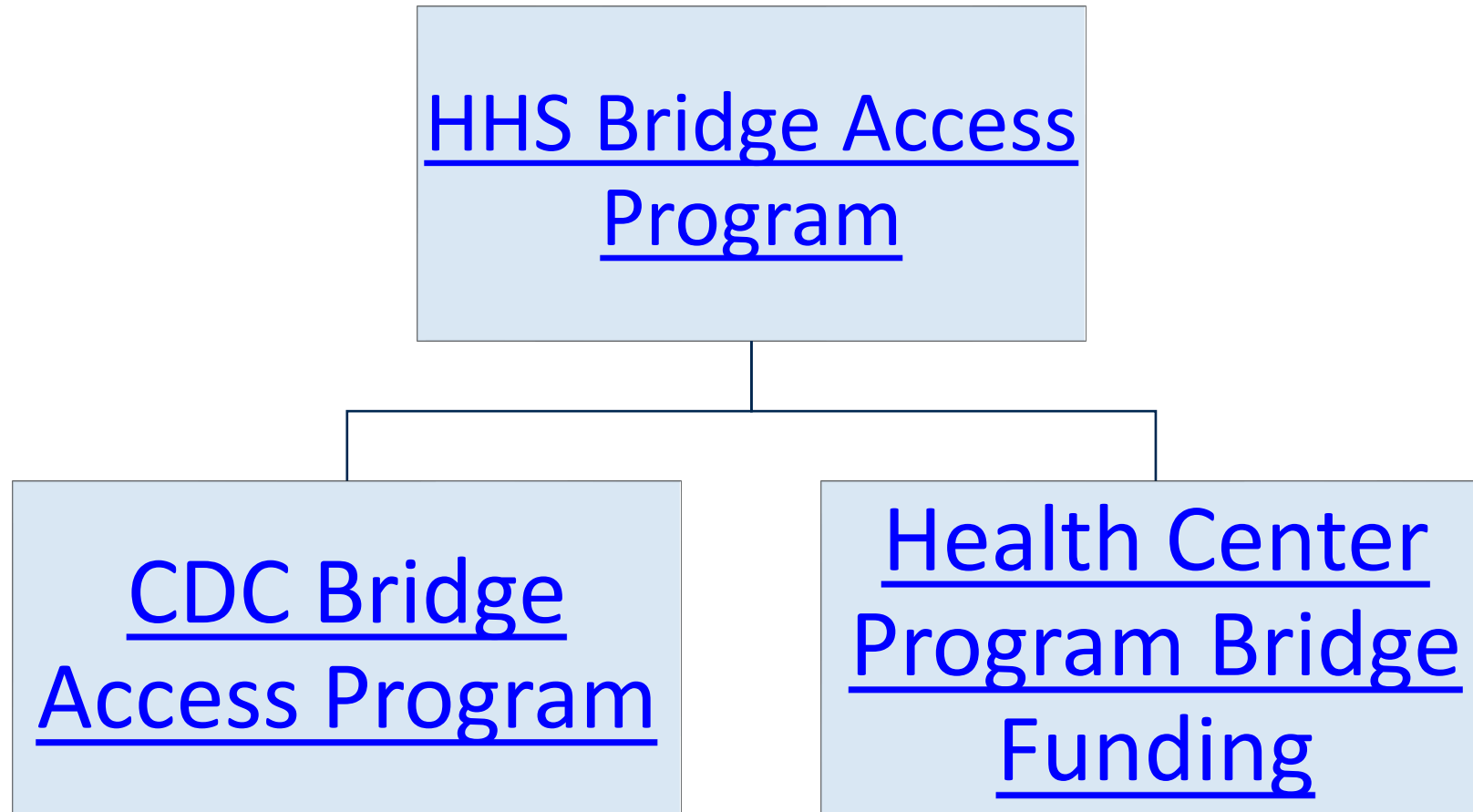
# AGENDA

- Welcome
- Funding Purpose and Overview
- Post-Award Submission, Reporting, and Technical Assistance
- Your Questions
  - Post questions at any time through the question-and-answer pod
  - Questions will be answered at the end of the brief presentation

# Welcome



# Bridge to the Commercial Market



# CDC Bridge Access Program

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- CDC will buy COVID-19 vaccines and distribute them through state and local health department (S/LHD) immunization programs
- Health centers need to enroll as a 317 adult immunization provider with their S/LHD immunization program to request free Bridge vaccines for uninsured and underinsured adults
- See the [Immunization Program Directory](#) for contact information
- CDC will also contract with pharmacies so they can continue offering COVID-19 vaccines and designated treatments with no out-of-pocket costs to uninsured and underinsured adults



# Funding Purpose and Overview



# Purpose

Support health centers to continue essential COVID-19-related services and mitigate adverse impacts of COVID-19 on underserved populations





# Award Information

- New award (H8L)
- One-time funding from American Rescue Plan
- 16-month period of performance  
(September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024)
- More than \$81 million total funding
- 1,463 awards



# Funding Formula

**H8L**

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**\$10,029 base amount**

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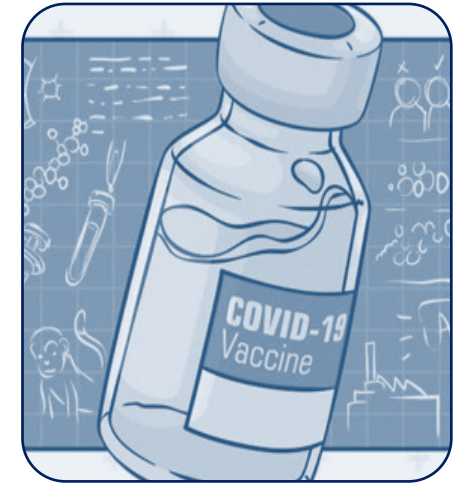
**\$11.53 per uninsured patient  
(2022 UDS data)**

# Allowable Activities



*Activities must align with your Health Center Program scope of project*

- COVID-19 testing
- COVID-19 vaccination
- COVID-19 therapeutics
- **Enabling/patient support services** to support COVID-19-related services
- Community COVID-19 **vaccination events**
- **Personnel** who support COVID-19-related services and care delivery
- **Supplies** that support COVID-19-related services and care delivery



May support costs back to June 1, 2023, if aligned with the allowable activities and necessary for efficient and timely performance of Bridge activities

# Ineligible Costs

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- Costs not aligned with the Bridge funding purpose
- Costs already paid for by any other federal awards, including H80, H8F, H8G and L2C funding
- Costs that are reimbursed or compensated by other federal or state programs
- Equipment purchases
- Construction and alteration/renovation projects
- Facility or land purchases

# Post-Award Submission, Reporting, and Technical Assistance



# Post-Award Submission

## 1. SF-424A Budget Information Form

- Complete in EHBs
- Include costs for the entire 16-month period of performance

## 2. Budget Narrative

- Align with SF-424A
- Include personnel table with 16-month salary
- Provide Allowable Activities Chart

See the Bridge funding technical assistance webpage for instructions and a sample budget narrative

Due in EHBs by October 2, 2023



# Budget Narrative: Allowable Activities Chart

Allowable Activities	Indicate “Yes” for the activities you will conduct with Bridge funding
COVID-19 Testing	
COVID-19 Vaccination	
COVID-19 Therapeutics	
Enabling/patient support services (such as outreach, education, enrollment assistance, transportation, translation, and care coordination) to support COVID-19 related services	
Community COVID-19 vaccination events	
Personnel who support COVID-19 related services and care delivery, including personnel costs necessary to develop, support, or expand collaborations, including collaborations with state/jurisdiction immunization programs	
Supplies that support COVID-19-related services and care delivery	



# Making the Most of Your Funding

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Vaccines, therapeutics, and testing supplies are available through:

- CDC's [Bridge Access Program for COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- CDC's [Vaccines for Children Program](#)
- HRSA's [COVID-19 Therapeutics Program](#)
- HRSA's [COVID-19 Testing Supply Program](#)

You must make every reasonable effort to get COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, and testing supplies through these HHS programs.





# Reasonable Efforts and Unmet Need Documentation

- If you use Bridge funding on vaccines, therapeutics, or testing supplies, you must document:
  - The unmet need in your community
  - Your reasonable efforts to get these supplies from the HHS programs
- For example, document:
  - If you applied and were denied participation in these programs, or
  - If they do not provide a sufficient or timely supply of vaccines, therapeutics, or testing supplies to meet the anticipated needs of your patient population
- Do not submit this documentation with your Bridge post-award submission
  - HRSA may request it later, so keep it on file



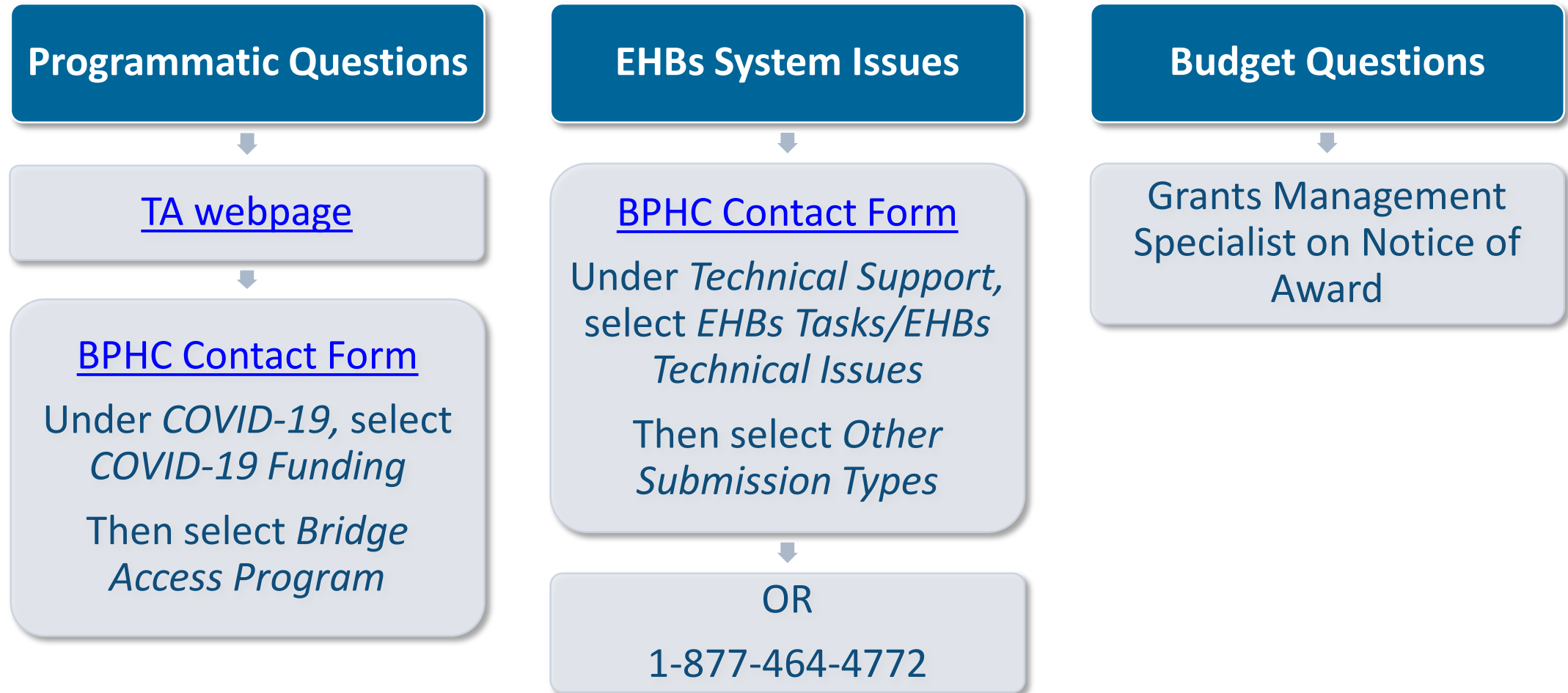
# Reporting Requirements

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- Respond to the Health Center COVID-19 Survey until it ends
- Complete periodic progress reports and a final report
- Report COVID-19 testing and vaccination data through the UDS



# Technical Assistance Contacts



# Bridge Funding Office Hours

Connect with HRSA to get your questions answered!

## FY 2023 Bridge Funding Office Hours

- **Wednesday, September 20**
- 2 – 3 p.m. ET
- [Register](#)



See the [TA webpage](#) or the Primary Care Digest for links to join.

# Questions



# Key Takeaways

- One-time funding with 16-month period of performance
  - September 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024
- Activities must be related to COVID-19 services
- Bridge funding post-award submission due in EHBs: **October 2, 2023**
  - Submit programmatic questions via the [BPHC Contact Form](#)
  - Join the Office Hours session to ask questions
- Make every effort to get free COVID supplies:
  - CDC's [Bridge Access Program for COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
  - CDC's [Vaccines for Children Program](#)
  - HRSA's [COVID-19 Therapeutics Program](#)
  - HRSA's [COVID-19 Testing Supply Program](#)



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