



FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (H8F) Funding for Health Centers Question and Answer Session

Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Agenda

- Funding Overview and Purpose
- H8F Award Submission Requirement
- Technical Assistance Resources
- Your Questions
 - Post questions at any time through the question and answer pod
 - Questions will be answered at the end of the brief presentation



Purpose



Award Information

New grant (H8F award code)

One-time funding

2-year period of performance (4/1/21 – 3/31/23)

\$6.1 billion (total funding)

1,376 awards

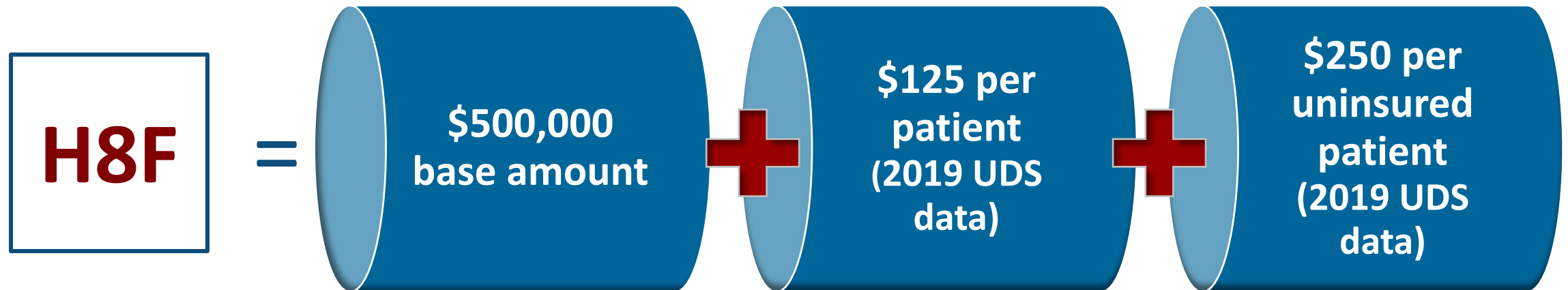
➔ See the [instructions](#) to add the H8F grant folder to your EHBs portfolio

➔ HRSA contacts listed on notice of award

Funding Formula



Awards align with current Health Center Program funding proportions



Funds Availability

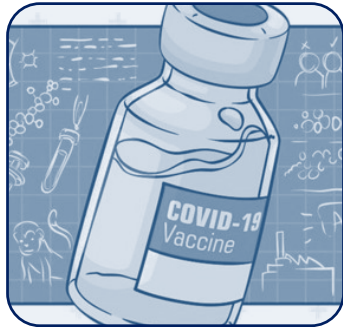
- Funds can be drawn down **now** to meet immediate cash needs:
 - To prepare for, promote, distribute, administer, and track COVID–19 vaccines, or
 - For activities necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID–19
- For other purposes, **wait** until your H8F Award Submission is approved
- Include and note in your H8F Award Submission budget and work plan, allowable pre-award costs and activities:
 - Dating back to January 31, 2020
 - Including those between the date of award and when you submit your H8F Award Submission



Example Uses of Funds Categories



There may be other allowed uses of funds, consistent with terms of award



COVID-19
Vaccination
Capacity



COVID-19
Response
and
Treatment
Capacity



Maintaining
and
Increasing
Capacity



Recovery
and
Stabilization



Infrastructure:
Minor
Alteration/
Renovation
(A/R), Mobile
Units, and
Vehicles

Ineligible Costs



Must not use these H8F funds to cover the same expense as H8C, H8D, H8E or H80 funds



EHRs that are not ONC certified



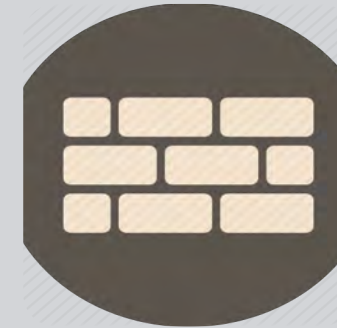
New construction activities, additions, or expansions
Major A/R (total budget of \$500,000 or more)



Facility or land purchases



Significant site work outside the building
Road paving or new parking lots



Purchase or installation of permanent modular units or prefab buildings



Activities that do not support funding purpose
Costs reimbursed by other government programs

Award Submission Requirements

- SF-424A Budget Information Form
- Budget Narrative
- Federal Object Class Categories Form
- Project Overview Form
- Equipment List Form (if applicable)
- Minor alteration and renovation (A/R) information (if applicable)

Due in EHBs within 60 days of the award release date



Budget Presentation

- SF-424A Budget Information Form
 - Entire 2-year funding amount
- Budget Narrative
 - Year 1 and Year 2 breakdown
- Federal Object Class Categories Form
 - Year 1 and Year 2 breakdown
- Equipment List
 - Year 1 and Year 2 forms

See the H8F technical assistance webpage for blank forms, sample budget narrative, and how to complete in EHBs

Project Overview Form

NEW!

Work Plan

- Includes pre-populated activity options under the following categories:
 1. COVID-19 Vaccination Capacity
 2. COVID-19 Response and Treatment Capacity
 3. Maintaining and Increasing Capacity
 4. Recovery and Stabilization
 5. Infrastructure: Minor Alteration/Renovation (A/R), Mobile Units, and Vehicles
- Select activities you will conduct; write in other activities as needed

H80 Scope of Project

- Indicate if changes will be required to Form 5A, 5B, or 5C



Minor A/R Information

Key Points

- May use up to \$500,000 of H8F funds for minor A/R
- At one or more in-scope sites
- Total federal and non-federal cost for each site-specific project must be less than \$500,000
 - Excludes the cost of moveable equipment

Other Requirements for Sites Form

- Questions about site
- Detailed A/R Project Budget Justification
- Environmental Information and Documentation Checklist
- Schematics and/or Floor Plans
- Landlord Letter of Consent, *as applicable*
- Property Information



Progress Reporting and Outcomes

- Quarterly progress reports
 - Describe status of activities and use of H8F funds
- In aggregate, H8F funding will result in outcomes across the Health Center Program, that may be evaluated by increases in the:
 - Number of COVID-19 vaccinations completed, including by race and ethnicity
 - Number of COVID-19 tests, including by race and ethnicity
 - Number of patients screened for social risk factors
 - Number of health center patients/visits, including those receiving COVID-19 treatment
 - Number and type of virtual care visits
 - Number of enabling services patients
 - Number of new mobile units



Reimbursement Resources



See [COVID-19 FAQs](#) for more information

Payer Options

Medicare

Medicaid/CHIP

Private insurance

Other

Lost Revenue and Increased Expenses

[CARES Act Provider Relief Fund](#)

[CARES Act Provider Relief Fund FAQs](#)

Services for Uninsured Patients

[COVID-19 Uninsured Program](#)

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Provider Support Line

866-569-3522

For TTY dial 711



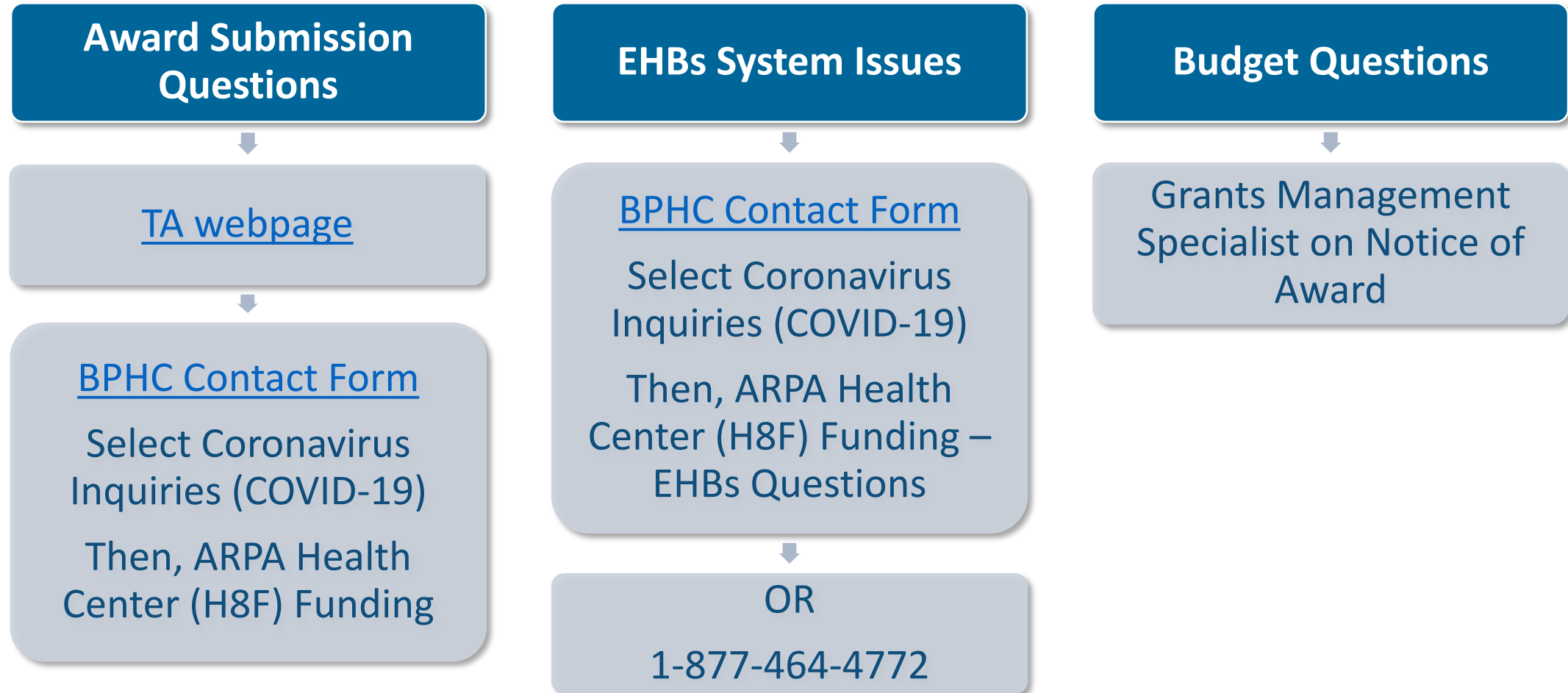
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