FY 2020 COVID-19/CARES Supplemental Funding for Health Centers (H8C & H8D)

Question and Answer Session

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Agenda

• Overview of two awards:
  ▪ FY2020 Coronavirus Supplemental Funding for Health Centers (COVID-19)
  ▪ FY2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Supplemental Funding for Health Centers (CARES)

• Your questions
  ▪ Post questions at any time through the question and answer pod
  ▪ Questions will be answered at end of the brief presentation
From Appropriation to Awards

3/6/2020: President Trump signs Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act

1/29/2020: White House launches task force

1/20/2020: First confirmed case in the United States, multiple FEMA state emergency declarations

3/13/2020: President Trump declares national emergency

3/1/2020: HHS declares public health emergency

3/24/2020: HRSA awards $100 million in COVID-19 funding to health centers

3/27/2020: President Trump signs Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

4/8/2020: HRSA awards $1.3 billion in CARES funding to health centers
New Awards

- COVID-19 funding (H8C) and CARES funding (H8D) are separate awards from your Health Center Program operational grant (H80)
- Separate H8C, H8D, and H80 funds make tracking and reporting easier
- HRSA contacts listed on H8C and H8D notices of award are the same as for your H80 grant
  - H80 project officer
  - H80 grants management specialist
- Start using funds now
H8D Purpose

SAFETY
Ensure that health centers are safe for staff and patients

RESPONSE
Detect, prevent, diagnose, and respond to COVID-19

CAPACITY
Maintain and increase capacity to provide comprehensive primary health care
H8C Purpose

PREVENT
Promote individual and community-wide prevention practices and/or administer countermeasures to reduce risk of COVID-19

PREPARE
Enhance readiness and training to respond to COVID-19

RESPOND
Assess, test, diagnose, treat, and limit spread of COVID-19

UPDATE AS WELL AS MAINTAIN AND INCREASE CAPACITY
Funding Formulas

**H8C**
- $50,464 base amount
- $0.50 per patient (2018 UDS data)
- $2.50 per uninsured patient (2018 UDS data)

**H8D**
- $503,000 base amount
- $15.00 per patient (2018 UDS data)
- $30.00 per uninsured patient (2018 UDS data)
Response Reporting Requirements

COVID-19 (H8C)
- Activity Overview
  ✓ Brief narrative (1-2 pages)
  ✓ Activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19, as well as maintain capacity
- SF-424A Budget Information Form
- Budget Narrative
- Equipment List (if applicable)
- Submit via HRSA Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) by 11:59 pm ET April 23

CARES (H8D)
- Activity Overview
  ✓ Brief narrative (1-2 pages)
  ✓ Activities for COVID-19 safety and response, as well as maintaining and increasing capacity
- SF-424A Budget Information Form
- Budget Narrative
- Equipment List (if applicable)
- Minor Alteration and Renovation (A/R) Information (if applicable)
- Submit via HRSA EHBs by 11:59 pm ET May 8

Only H8D allows minor A/R and mobile units
H8D Minor A/R Information (if applicable)

- Detailed Budget Narrative;
- Environmental Information and Documentation checklist;
- Schematics and/or Floor Plans showing the location and dimensions of the proposed renovation area in the existing building; and
- Other Requirements for Sites Form addressing site control, federal interest, cultural resources, and historic preservation considerations.

Include in HRSA EHBs submission due May 8 by 11:59 pm ET
Example Uses of Funds

- Patient & community education & screening
- Laboratory services
- COVID-19 testing
- Temporary drive- or walk-up testing
- Hiring & contracting personnel
- Salaries & benefits for personnel not typically paid through grant funds
- Training
- Supplies
- Temporary non-fixed barriers to separate patients
- Equipment
- Vehicles to transport patients & personnel
- Health information technology
- Equipment & supplies to support provider & patient use of telehealth
- CARES (H8D) ONLY
- Minor alteration & renovation (A/R)
- Mobile medical units
Ineligible Costs

- EHRs that are not ONC certified
- New construction activities, additions, or expansions
  - Road paving or new parking lots
- Installation of permanent modular units or prefab buildings
  - Major A/R (over $500,000 budget)
- Facility or land purchases
  - Significant site work outside the building
- Activities outside of your Health Center Program scope
- Activities that do not support funding purpose
  - Costs reimbursed by other government programs

Minor A/R and mobile units are ineligible H8C costs, but are allowable H8D costs.
Rebudgeting

• Activities may evolve to respond to changing community needs
• Rebudgeting H8C and H8D awards is allowable if costs support activities that are:
  ▪ In-scope
  ▪ Responsive to funding purpose
  ▪ Consistent with terms on the notice of award
  ▪ Allowable
• H8C funds: no additional requirements for rebudgeting
• H8D funds: prior approval required if:
  ▪ Rebudgeted amount exceeds 25% of award, or
  ▪ Would move funds to a line item not previously included in budget
Key Dates

April 22: COVID-19/CARES Q-A Session

April 23: COVID-19 Response Reporting Requirement Due

April 27: CARES Q-A Session

May 8: CARES Reporting Requirement Due
Technical Assistance

View H8C Technical Assistance Webpage

- Reporting Requirement Guidance
- Q&A Session Slides and Recordings
- Submission Forms and Examples
- Technical Assistance Contacts

View H8D Technical Assistance Webpage
Technical Assistance Contacts

**Reporting requirement questions**
- TA webpage
- BPHC Contact Form
  - Select Coronavirus Inquiries (COVID-19)
  - Then, COVID-19 or CARES Supplemental Funding

**EHBs system issues**
- Health Center Program Support
- 1-877-464-4772, option 2

**Budget questions**
- Grants Management Specialist on Notice of Award
Questions