

Tracey Smith: Welcome to today's Question and Answer session on the American Rescue Plan awards for Health Center Controlled Networks, or HCCNs, which we will call HQC funding for the remainder of this session. That is H as in Hotel, Q as in Quebec and C as in Charlie. Before we begin, please take a moment to respond to the polling questions, so that we can get a sense of who we have on the call.

Just a few housekeeping items before we begin. All participants have been placed in listen-only mode. We will try to get to as many questions as possible today. But if we do not get to yours, please submit it via the BPHC contact form. We will share the link to this form in today's slides. At the end of today's session, we will open a few more polling questions to ask for your feedback on this session. Thank you in advance for your input.

My name is Tracey Smith and I am joined by several colleagues that you will hear from today as we answer your questions. To start, I will provide an overview of the HQC awards, including what you need to provide for your required HQC award submission, as well as some technical assistance resources to assist you while working on your submission. Then, we'll turn to your questions.

You may submit your questions at any time throughout the presentation using the Q&A pod, which is located at the bottom of your screen. You have the option to submit your question anonymously. Once you submit your question, it will only be visible to myself and others who are helping answer questions.

We are going to go ahead and close the poll now. Thank you for your responses. A copy of today's slides are available on the HQC webpage, a link has been posted in the chat box.

Let's get started with an overview of the HQC awards. HQC funding will enable HCCNs to support participating health centers, or PHCs, to respond to and mitigate the spread of coronavirus disease, or COVID-19, and enhance health care services and infrastructure.

You will use your HQC funding to provide network level support to PHCs as needed, with:

- COVID-19 vaccinations, and to carry out other vaccine-related activities.
- COVID-19 testing, treatment, and related activities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19
- Equipment, supplies, and staffing to conduct mobile testing or vaccinations for COVID-19
- Building and sustaining the health care workforce
- Modifying, enhancing, and expanding health care services and infrastructure, and
- Conducting community outreach and education activities related to COVID-19

On April twenty ninth, HRSA awarded a total of ten point five (10.5) million dollars in one-time American Rescue Plan funding to HCCNs. The amount of funding you received is equivalent to twenty five percent of your fiscal year 2020 H2Q award amount. Funding may be used throughout the 2-year period of performance ending April 2023.

HQC funding was awarded through new grant awards, with new grant numbers starting with “HQC.” This award is separate from your current H2Q HCCN award, to enable tracking of American Rescue Plan funds separately from your regular HCCN funds.

Your HQC notice of award includes a submission requirement due on June twenty eighth (28th). This is where you will submit your proposed budget and activity information. We’ll go over more details about this submission shortly.

To view and complete your HQC award submission requirement, you first have to add the HQC award folder to your Electronic Handbooks, or EHBs, portfolio. Instructions on how to do this are on the HQC technical assistance webpage, and linked directly on this slide in the right-side corner.

Funds can **only** be drawn down now to meet immediate cash needs to support PHCs to prepare for, promote, distribute, administer, and track COVID–19 vaccines, or for activities necessary to mitigate the spread of COVID–19. For all other purposes, you must wait until after your HQC award submission has been approved by HRSA.

Funds may be used for costs aligned with the HQC purpose that were incurred dating back to January thirty first (31st), 2020. Your budget narrative must clearly identify such past costs. You must also identify any pre-submission costs incurred between the date of award and when you complete your HQC award submission. Please remember that such costs are allowable only to address immediate COVID-19-specific needs, as we just discussed.

HQC funds may be used for a wide range of activities to support PHCs to respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and enhance health care services and infrastructure. There is flexibility in how you use this funding over time as PHC needs evolve over the 2-year period of performance.

Funding may be used to provide support to PHCs in one or more of the five activity categories outlined here, consistent with the funding purpose.

- COVID-19 Vaccination Capacity
- COVID-19 Response and Treatment Capacity
- Maintaining and Increasing Capacity
- Recovery and Stabilization, and
- Infrastructure.

These categories are further defined in the HQC award submission guidance available on the HQC technical assistance webpage. We also provided a link to a list of example health center activities for each category. This may be a helpful resource as you plan your HQC activities since your HQC funding is intended to help health centers with their own American Rescue Plan funding activities.

In addition to addressing the activity categories, you must also ensure HQC funds are used in alignment with the goals and funding requirements of your H2Q grant. We'll talk about how this will be captured in a moment.

- You must engage, at some level, all PHCs in all HCCN activities
- You cannot require PHCs to become or remain network members or pay to receive the services provided through this award
- To modify your currently approved list of PHCs, you must submit a request for project officer review and approval in EHBs

Refer to your most recent competitive funding opportunity, HRSA-19-011, linked in this slide, for H2Q goals and funding requirement details.

All costs and activities must support the HQC funding purpose. As indicated on your notice of award, examples of ineligible costs include, but are not limited to:

- direct patient care or incentives, such as gift cards or food
- health center operational costs
- equipment, supplies, or staffing for use at the health center level
- vehicle or mobile van purchases
- construction or renovation costs, or facility or land purchases

Additionally, these funds may not be used for costs already paid for by other state or federal programs, your H2Q grant award, or prior COVID-19 supplemental funding.

Now, I will review the HQC award submission requirements. All submission components are due in EHBs by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June twenty eighth (28th). This includes a completed SF-424A Budget Information Form outlining federal costs for the entire two-year period of performance. **The federal funding amount cannot exceed the amount on your HQC notice of award.**

You must also submit a budget narrative that clearly details federal costs by object class category for each year within the two-year period of performance. The sum amount in the budget narrative must be equal to the award amount listed on your SF-424A. Funds are not expected to be spent equally each year.

In the budget narrative, you will identify any costs incurred dating back to January thirty first (31st), 2020, and/or between the date of award and when you complete your HQC submission. If your organization has an existing negotiated indirect cost rate agreement, and you wish to include indirect costs in your budget, you will also attach a copy of your indirect cost rate agreement.

To outline your proposed activities, you must submit a detailed 2-year project work plan describing how HQC funding will be used to support PHCs as they respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and enhance health care services and infrastructure. If pre-award costs are included in your budget, ensure corresponding activities are detailed in your project work plan.

You will also include activities that occurred between the date of award and when you submit your HQC award submission.

If you propose to use HQC funds for equipment purchases, you will need to upload an equipment list form for year 1 and/or year 2, as applicable. Only complete the equipment list form if you intend to purchase moveable equipment with a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost of five thousand dollars or more. Equipment items costing less than five thousand dollars should be considered Supplies. Please note that your regular HCCN rules about equipment still apply. Only equipment for use at the network level is allowable. Equipment cannot be purchased for individual PHCs.

As a reminder, your budget presentation should only include federal costs. Do not include information about non-federal or other sources of funding.

A template for the SF-424A, equipment list form, and budget narrative are posted on the HQC technical assistance webpage, along with a sample project work plan. You will complete all of these documents as part of your award submission and then upload them into EHBs.

Let's discuss the project work plan in a little more detail. Your project work plan must include activities in one or more of the five activity categories mentioned earlier.

You will:

- Group your activities by category
- Create a separate table for each category with proposed applicable activities
- Ensure past activities for which you are proposing to use HQC funding are clearly noted.

When determining your activities, consider how funds can help PHCs address:

- Equitable access to COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, and treatment;
- Other current and anticipated COVID-19 and primary health care needs; and
- Population and social determinants of health that may impact access to care, contribute to poor health outcomes, and exacerbate health disparities.

We anticipate that project work plans may average **ten** pages, but some may be fewer or more than **ten** pages, as needed.

This sample project work plan shows how you will group activities by activity category. In this example, proposed activities that fall under the "maintaining and increasing capacity" activity category would be listed together in this first table. And then a separate table would list activities that address the COVID-19 Vaccination Capacity activity category. If you find that an activity could align with multiple activity categories, identify the one activity category that it aligns with best to ensure activities are not duplicated in your project work plan.

For each activity, include:

- A name and description for the activity,
- A description of how the activity aligns with one or more of your regular HCCN H2Q grant goals, as mentioned earlier,

- The person responsible, and
- The timeframe for each activity. If the activity has already occurred, back to January thirty first, 2020, or occurred between the time of award and time of submission, document this information in the timeframe column.

A sample Project Work Plan is available on the HQC technical assistance webpage for demonstration purposes.

On May 6th, individuals registered as the project director, business official, and authorizing official for your H2Q award received an email about the HQC funding. This email contained a link to the HQC technical assistance webpage and other information to support your HQC award submission, including a template to use to complete your required project work plan. The template format outlines the fields you are required to address consistent with funding requirements to help you submit a complete project work plan.

If none of the individuals noted on this slide can locate the notification email after checking their spam folder, contact HRSA via the BPHC contact form to have the email re-sent. You will submit quarterly progress reports through HRSA's EHBs that will describe the status of your activities and use of HQC funds. Due dates and other details about progress reporting will be posted on the HQC technical assistance webpage in the future.

A final report is due within ninety (90) days after the period of performance. The final report will collect the impact of the overall project, among other information. Additional guidance for your final report will be provided prior to the end of the period of performance.

As mentioned throughout this presentation, there is a technical assistance webpage specific to the HQC funding. Be sure to visit the webpage for resources, including award submission guidance, the Q&A session slides, a recording of today's session that will be available in a week or so, templates and example submission components, and technical assistance contacts.

Here are the key technical assistance contacts to support your questions.

For HQC Award Submission information and questions, please refer to the resources available on the technical assistance webpage. For outstanding questions, reach out to us through the BPHC Contact Form using the selections on the slide. Please note that this is the same way you would reach out with questions about an HCCN application or non-competing continuation submission.

For EHBs system questions and submission issues, contact Health Center Program Support through the BPHC Contact Form or call them directly.

All budget related questions should be directed to the Grants Management Specialist listed on your HQC Notice of Award.

We'll spend the remainder of our time today answering your questions. Please continue to submit questions through the Q&A pod in the Zoom room. We will answer as many questions as

possible that apply to the broad audience. If your question is not answered, please submit it through the BPHC Contact Form.

I have several colleagues on hand to help answer your questions. Before we get started, we have a couple of questions to go over that have already come in that my colleague Elizabeth McGill will answer.

Will the HQC project work plan be part of my existing H2Q project work plan?

No. The HQC project work plan you will submit by June twenty eighth for this American Rescue Plan funding is separate from your H2Q project work plan. Your HQC project work plan should only include activities supported by your new HQC funding.

Are we required to provide activities in each of the five activity categories you went over?

No. The activity categories you address should help PHCs in your network respond to the areas of greatest need related to COVID-19 response and mitigation, enhanced health care services, and infrastructure.

Can I propose an activity that does not align with one of the five activity categories?

No. All HQC activities must fall under one of the five activity categories.

I am implementing an activity that was funded under prior COVID-19 supplemental funding and I intend to continue the activity with the new funding. How do I document this?

You will provide details explaining the ongoing activity in your project work plan. As a reminder, HQC funds may not be used for activity costs already paid for by prior COVID-19 supplemental funding, or other resources. However, HQC funding may support new costs to continue or expand activities initiated with your prior COVID-19 award or other sources of funding.

Thank you Elizabeth. We also have Olivia Shockey, Director of BPHC's Expansion Division, here to assist with the Q&A. Olivia, have any more questions come in to ask the team?

Olivia Shockey: Thanks, Tracey. We have a slow stream of questions coming in. Please don't hesitate, if you have a question, to go ahead and enter it now so we can address it during today's call. There are a few basic housekeeping type questions to start out with.

The first is, can you remind everyone of how to find the slides for today's call?

Elizabeth McGill: Absolutely. The slides for this presentation can be found at the HQC TA webpage, the link is in the chat box to the right here and we'll repost the link as well.

Olivia Shockey: Thanks. I believe you addressed this in the presentation, but as a reminder for everyone. Are there forms that will be completed in EHB as part of the submission or reporting requirement, or will everything be provided as an attachment?

Elizabeth McGill: Everything will be provided as an attachment, including project work plan, budget narrative, the SF24 and the project plan if applicable.

Olivia Shockey: Thanks. There are questions about use of funds. Can the funds be used for travel? So that if an HCCN wanted to travel to support a participating health center in a certain area or provide a training on site, would that be allowable?

Elizabeth McGill: You may use HQC funds for travel if that is something you would normally do under your regular HCCN award to provide support to the PHC and if it supports the purposes of the HQC funding.

Olivia Shockey: And what group of participating health centers need to be supported through this new funding? Is it the current list of participating health centers that an HCCN is already working with?

Elizabeth McGill: Great question. You are required to engage at some level all PHCs in HCCN activities. You cannot require PHCs to become or remain network members or pay to receive services provided through the award. If there is a need to modify the current list you must submit a request for project officer review and approval.

Olivia Shockey: We want to acknowledge that we know that the HCCNs will be recompeting in fiscal year 2022. So there is a term on the awards that these new funds are contingent on your organization continuing to be funded as an HCCN through recompetition. If it changes through that competition, the remaining health centers that you support with the funds with American Rescue Plan funds can also change. If you have more specific questions about that, please feel free to add them to the Q and A pod in this meeting or to send them in to us separately.

There is a question about the minimum number of activities. Is it there a certain number of activities that need to be included in the project plan or that need to be included under any of the specific categories?

Elizabeth McGill: No, there is no minimum. HRSA expects work plans to be 10 pages but could be more or less based on activity.

Olivia Shockey: Thank you. Certainly, if an activity will cost a fair amount of money out of your budget, there is an awareness that depending on the number or types of activities you pick, that could affect your total budget. So just know that there is no expectation that it be spent consistently across the two years and we expect all of the components of your submission to align, budget and activities.

Can these funds be used to hire new staff?

Elizabeth McGill: That's a great question. Olivia, what do you think?

Olivia Shockey: Yes! So if your HCCN requires additional staff or contractors to provide support to your participating health centers, you can certainly use the funding to hire new staff. Keep in mind, the funding is one time. You have already received all the funding up front. You have two years to spend it. So please keep that in mind as you think of bringing staff on with this funding. This funding will not continue beyond the two years and you will not receive the same

amount of funding again next year. You received the full amount. Please plan accordingly, as you think about new staff.

Is licensed software an allowable expense? If so, where do we put that in our budget? Does it belong under equipment or supplies? So Christie, I think we might need your support in getting this into the right section of package.

Christie Walker: Yes, you can purchase license software, it is an equipment cost, if it is over \$5,000. It has to meet the \$5,000 minimum threshold to be considered equipment. If it is less than \$5,000, you do not have to list it as equipment in the budget, you can list it in other and just explain what you are purchasing with the funds on the budget.

Olivia Shockey: Thanks, Christie. Can HRSA provide examples of how funds might be used by HCCNs? So, when thinking about supporting health centers and their vaccination and testing efforts, what are some of the ways that HRSA foresees HCCNs being able to support the participating health centers?

Elizabeth McGill: There are sample activities available on the HCCN technical assistance webpage. And that provides activity sample activity names and descriptions and how the activities are linked to the H2Q goal. Also provided for you are allowable health center uses of funding and example activities which may support you when developing your project work plan.

Olivia Shockey: If you have specific questions as you think through your proposed activities, feel free to send those in to us through the contact form so we can provide you with individualized assistance. Because we know there are lots of ways that this funding may be utilized.

Must all HCCN activities be related back to health IT or data?

Elizabeth McGill: The HCCN activities that you propose must support participating health centers to leverage health IT and data to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and for infrastructure. Funding must be used to support PHCs in the following categories, which are available on the website. Vaccination capacity, response and treatment capacity, maintaining or increasing capacity, recovery, stabilization and infrastructure.

Olivia Shockey: Again, if you have activities in mind to propose and you have questions about how those align with the American Rescue Plan funding requirements. As well as your regular HCCN award, please feel free to reach out to us through the BPHC contact form, we can help you to think through those proposed activities.

Must all of our activities align with the health center activities? So there's an acknowledgment that the health centers have been given a list of activities to select from for their HCCN, do all of the HCCN activities have to align with the HCC sample activities?

Elizabeth McGill: No, they don't all have to align with the sample activities. You can propose activities that you feel meet the needs of the PHCs in your area and respond to COVID-19. Again, as Olivia said, if you have specific questions about activities and alignment please reach out to us via the contact form.

Olivia Shockey: Let's see. Can the American Rescue Plan funds be allocated to another grant or reallocated to this grant and subtracted from another.

This is a question for Christie. When we say they can be used for past costs, how does that work? If a past cost that the HCCN incurred was charged to some other grant, but would also align with American Rescue Plan funds, can those be reallocated or is it just costs not allocated to the HCCN against another grant?

Christie Walker: It was for costs not allocated to another grant already as we stated previously. You are not supposed to use prior HRSA funds issued for activities. It should be a cost that was never supported that you want to use the funds for. However, like someone stated previously, if you have a proposed activity already and plan to end it because the funds have run out, and you want to continue the particular activity with these funds and if it is an allowable cost, you can use those funds as part of the new proposed costs under this HQC submission. So that is how you have to do it, if that is what you are considering doing.

Olivia Shockey: I would encourage you to connect with the Grants Management Specialist, they can provide you individualized technical assistance in this space as you think about how to properly document past costs. Because it can get a little confusing when thinking across multiple funding streams and program income or fund raising dollars that HCCN may have been used for past costs.

There is a question about what happens if a HCCN chooses not to re compete for their regular HCCN award in FY2022 competition? I will start the answer for that one and then I welcome Christie or others to jump in.

These American Rescue Plan dollars are yours to use right now and can be used immediately in some cases and immediately after your submission is approved in other cases to support health centers. If you spend all of the American Rescue Plan dollars before that new period of performance starts in August of 22, that is fine. You can certainly use the American Rescue Plan dollars as needed over the course of two years if you will not continue as an HCCN. If you use them, that is fine. If not, HRSA will pull back the remainder of the funding. Christie do you have anything to add?

Christie Walker: I was going to say, if you don't use all the funding in the two year period, and the award is over, you will give those funds back through the FFR as unobligated and HRSA will take the funds back.

I think the question is if you don't compete again, if you are receiving the funds and don't compete, that is fine. If you have funds leftover after the two year period you just list them on

FFR as unobligated and HRSA will take the funds back. Also, since the funds are awarded, you have to be mindful when you draw down the funds you should draw them down as expenses are incurred and should not draw down the award at one time. Draw down as you incur, which will help you having to alleviate paying back money that were not supported by the approved budget. Draw down expenses once expenses are incurred and do not draw down the funds all at one time, although we have issued the two year period in one award. If you have any questions, please reach out to your specific Grants Management Specialist and they will assist you.

Olivia Shockey: Thanks, Christie. I have a couple of questions that our team and the Expansion Division can probably assist with. Is support to look alike organizations included for the HCCN American Rescue Plan funding?

Elizabeth McGill: I was on mute. This is Elizabeth. I believe yes, if the look alikes are part of your PHC group, yes. Look alikes would also be supported through this funding.

Olivia Shockey: That's right, Elizabeth. Look alikes are also receiving American Rescue Plan funding but doing it through an application that is open currently. So if you have a look alike organizations in your network, feel free to encourage them to get applications submitted by this Friday, their due date. So they also have funding they can utilize and you can support both of your H80 funded health center and look alike through the HCCN funding.

Can you talk about how funding can or cannot be used for equipment in terms of HCCNs and their participating health centers?

Elizabeth McGill: Sure. That sounds good. Yes, you can purchase equipment for your PHCs. However, you cannot purchase equipment or supplies for use by the health center or their operational costs.

Olivia Shockey: To clarify. Equipment purchases can be made and utilized across the network, for network level benefits, but HCCNs cannot use funding to make purchases for equipment or supplies to be utilized for individual participating health centers, so at the health center level. Note the health center also received American Rescue Plan funding and may be utilizing their funding for equipment and supplies, and may be looking to you for that group purchasing support. So that is another thing that HCCNs may engage with.

Can activities or funds be used to support new electronic health record infrastructure across the network?

Elizabeth McGill: Yes, that is an example of an allowable purchase, as long as it is across the network.

Olivia Shockey: Thanks, Elizabeth. Here's a question we might need to call in some friends in the Expansion Division staff to help with. Can you talk a little bit about how HCCN activities

with American Rescue Plan funding might look different than Primary Care Association activities with American Rescue Plan funding?

Shivani Purvis: Sure, absolutely.

Olivia Shockey: Go ahead.

Shivani Purvis: Oh, this is Shivani. Just to start us off, a couple of high level differences between HCCNs and PCAs and use of American Rescue Plan funding would be how the money is used for different systems. HCCN may support participating health center within their network and the activities to support health IT and any data activities. And PCAs are to help with training and technical assistance for their health center within their state and region.

Olivia Shockey: Thanks. I think we heard Elizabeth talk about the focus on health IT and data. So that may be another difference between PCA and HCCN activities. We know some organizations receive both types of funding. So if you have specific questions as you are thinking through your proposed activities, under each award, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can reach out through the BPHC contact form. You may also want to reach out to your project officer.

Would the purchase of population health software or tools be a supportable cost at the network level?

Elizabeth McGill: Yes. That would be a supportable cost at the network level. To my understanding.

Christie Walker: This is Christie. Yes, that's correct, it is an allowable costs. If it is a cost over \$5,000 and it is a license package it needs to be listed as equipment and list the number of licenses you are purchasing with that particular piece of software.

Olivia Shockey: Here's a question I don't know the answer to. Can an agency purchase hardware for health centers, such as iPads to register patients. I'm assuming the answer is no as a health center needs to use their own funding for that type of purchase, and that might fall into the equipment purchased at the health center piece. I will wait for experts to weigh in.

Christie Walker: This is Christie. That is correct. That is considered a supply that is used at the health center level, which is unallowable for this particular plan.

Olivia Shockey: Thanks, Christie. Keep in mind, health centers may be looking to PCAs or HCCNs for support with group purchasing for those types of items and that would certainly be something HCCNs could support.

Can an HCCN cover the cost of renting vaccine storage devices? Christie, again, this to me sounds like a purchase that might be at the health center level. But just wanted to check in with you on that.

Christie Walker: Yes, I agree with you. But can I do a little more research. That is more like movable equipment and they can take it back. I want to double check. I don't know. Good question.

Olivia Shockey: That is a good question. So if it was something the HCCN deployed at different health centers within their network that might have a different answer. So please, whoever sent that question to us, through the Q and A pod, send it in through the BPHC contact form so we can get the correct answer back to you.

There is a question about group purchase of PPE. Would an HCCN be allowed to make that group purchase or would it be more appropriate for an HCCN to simply help negotiate group purchase on behalf of health centers and their network? Tracey or Christi, do you have any thoughts on that? Or is that another one to have sent in to us through the BPHC contact form.

Christie Walker: Yes, can they please send that in? This is Christie.

Olivia Shockey: Thanks, Christie. There is a question about choosing activities in general. The question is ... besides training and technical assistance activities, is there any guidance or advice about what other types of activities an HCCN might engage in that align with the American Rescue Plan funding?

Elizabeth McGill: Yes absolutely. So any activities that are consistent with the purpose of HQC funding, which the purpose is to leverage health IT and data to respond to and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and enhance health center services and infrastructure and align with the HCCN H2Q goals, enhance patient and provider experience, advanced inner operability and improve value. Anything consistent with both of the purposes, the funding and goals of the HCCN award would be appropriate.

Olivia Shockey: I'm going to ask for a little support from Candice and Tracey, who are here from our Office of Quality Improvement on the next few questions, because it sounds like some of our previous answers may have confused people.

There is a question about negotiating group purchasing versus making group purchases. So the question is, can an HCCN use their American Rescue Plan funding to make group purchases for things like iPads or remote monitoring devices for their participating centers.

Tracey Orloff: Hi this is Tracey O. So I think that if they're negotiating to get a good rate for all the health centers and they are acting in that role for all the health centers, I think they can act on that activity if they're purchasing the laptops or various things and then giving it to each one? Probably not. To negotiate so they're in a facilitative role, I think that's probably allowable. So Christie do you think that is correct? For instance, HCCN can purchase a license for the network because that is a cross network benefit.

Christie Walker: I agree. That's correct. As long as they're not purchasing the supplies and or equipment for use at the health center level to negotiate, that is fine. But to actually purchase it, give it away for the health center level, that is not allowable.

Olivia Shockey: Thanks, Christie.

Thank you. And then a follow up question came around population health management software. The question is, what if one or two of the participating health center choose not to participate? Can we still make such a purchase at the network level even if one or two opt out?

I will start on this one. Then Christie, you can come in behind me. I would say that you could purchase the population management system for the whole network, and if some of them are using it, and some don't, that's fine. Because again, it is for the benefit of the whole network. They would also have access to using it equally. People can choose to use or not use. It doesn't have to be every single one, if they don't want to. Christie, do you agree?

Christie Walker: Yeah, I agree. I have nothing to add. That's correct.

Olivia Shockey: Great. So I think we asked or addressed most of the questions that we had in the Q and A queue. If there are a few more questions that are bubbling up, please do send them in. We're going to be wrapping up the Q and A period in just a couple of minutes with a few key takeaways and probably a closing poll.

Just wanted to remind you that if you are an HCCN that also has a PCA award, that you typically provide the project officer with a distinction document that helps both you and HRSA understand how rolls will be unique and distinct across the two awards. Your project officers ask you to revisit those documents as you work on the American Rescue Plan submission for under both the HCCN and your PCA awards.

So let me just take one more quick look in the open Q and A pod to see if there are additional questions. Oh, can funds be used to provide hardware such as computer and laptops for staff that we hire for American Rescue Plan funding or current HCCN staff?

Christie Walker: This is Christie. Yes, you can use the funds to purchase supplies such as computer or whatever is needed for the job. If it is for this award it is allowable. If it is under \$5,000, it is considered supplies in the budget.

Olivia Shockey: We'll let this last one be the question we take. It could take collaboration between Christie and Tracey. If health centers, or participating health centers are utilizing remote patient monitoring devices but the network really needs a way to support the participating health centers at large with something like a dashboard for monitoring data, could the HCCN support the costs for a dashboard? To really drive forward quality improvement across the network?

Christie Walker: This is Christie. Yes, that's allowable as long as it supports getting the data necessary to support the HCCN award. You can definitely help purchase the dashboard in order to obtain data necessary for the HQC award. Yes, that is allowable cost.

Tracey Orloff: I agree from program as well.

Olivia Shockey: Thanks, Christie. I said that would be the last question, but there are two more I want to tackle quickly, yes, Tracey, go ahead.

Tracey Orloff: Sorry. It might be helpful for folks to hear an example. For instance, an example might be data analytics and data dashboard, there have been experiences where networks have used that for all participating health centers. So there are examples of that actually happening.

Olivia Shockey: Thanks, Tracey. There is a question about whether new distinction documents will be needed from HCCN but also have PCA awards. Let us huddle internally within HRSA on that. Please tune in to the PCA technical assistance call and we'll give that answer at that time. More to come in that space.

We're not looking to create additional burden for you but want to make sure we get you the right answer for that one. There is also a question about using the American Rescue Plan funding for network strategic planning. We ask you to think carefully about the categories of activities on the list, being about how it aligns with supporting health centers in this period. I am not immediately seeing the alignment, but there is not a lot of detail in the question. If this was your question, please send it to us through the BPHC contact form with a bit more detail about what you are thinking about so we can provide you with best possible answer in that space. With that, I will hand it back to Tracey to wrap us up.

Tracey Smith: Thanks, Olivia. Thank you, everybody for the great questions. To help us improve future webinars, please take a few minutes to answer the polling questions on your screen. We use this information to make sure we are meeting your needs, so your feedback is important to us!

As a reminder, the award submission is due on June twenty eighth at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time. Please contact us with any questions using the BPHC contact form. All information is available on the HQC technical assistance webpage posted in the chat box.

Thank you for attending today's session and for your questions.

We will leave the polling questions up for a few more moments after which you may disconnect.

Thank you again for attending today's session, have a good day.

