

FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Funding for SHIP COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation

Program Requirements

Below are details about supplemental funding for SHIP-eligible hospitals through The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2). This one-time funding under Section 711 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 711(c)).

Each eligible small rural hospital will receive funding in the amount of \$190,000 to \$250,000 per hospital to increase COVID-19 testing efforts, expand access to testing in rural communities, and expand the range of mitigation activities to meet community need. The **period of performance** is **July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022**. Funds must be spent on qualifying **purchases** from **Jan. 1, 2021 to Dec. 31, 2022**

Funded activities include testing education, establishment of alternate testing sites, test result processing, arranging for the processing of test results, and engaging in other activities within the [CDC Community Mitigation Framework](#) to address COVID-19 in rural communities. This funding may not be used to purchase, disseminate, or administer COVID-19 vaccines, but can be used for community vaccine education. See the attached list of example activities for more information.

Hospitals that accept this funding will meet the following reporting requirements.

- Reporting - Report directly to Healthworks, the number of tests administered and the use of funds by program category.
- Minor Alteration & Renovation (A/R) Projects, *if applicable* – A/R is defined as, “work that changes the interior arrangements or other physical characteristics of an existing facility or installed equipment so that it can be used more effectively for its currently designated purpose or adapted to an alternative use to meet a programmatic requirement. Alteration and renovation may include work referred to as improvements, conversion, rehabilitation, remodeling, or modernization, but is distinguished from construction and large-scale permanent improvements”. If the proposed A/R project is part of a larger overall project that exceeds \$500,000, it may not be artificially segmented to achieve the cost threshold. A/R activities may not increase the total square footage of existing buildings, and may not be part of larger construction projects.
- Tangible Equipment List, *if applicable* - All equipment purchases must be reported to Healthworks according to the schedule listed in the participation agreement. Reporting will include all moveable equipment that has a useful life of more than one year and a per-unit acquisition cost of at least \$5,000, including information technology systems. The following information will be required. An expense form for collecting this information will be provided.
 - Type
 - Item Description
 - Unit Price
 - Quantity
 - Total Price