



## 2024 Telemedicine Funding Opportunity Question & Answer

1. Q: Upon receiving the award when will the funds be distributed?

A: Once a contract is fully executed, the funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis. DOH will require an invoice showing expenses were paid.

2. Q: How long is the project period?

A: The project period will begin according to the date of the fully executed contract. It is anticipated that contracts will begin October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and go through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. However, these timelines are subject to change.

3. Q: We have multiple licensed facilities in the state. Do we need to submit an individual application for all facilities?

A: Each licensed facility is eligible for a separate award. The DOH will review each facility application separately. If you operate multiple licensed facilities, you may prepare an individual application for each facility according to the guidance provided but may send them all together in your submission to the DOH.

4. Q: We have multiple licensed facilities in the state. Will these facilities be under one contract?

A: Facilities with the same TIN and SAM.gov registration can be under one contract.

5. Q: What are the qualifications to get approval?

A: This grant is a competitive grant. There is limited funding for this grant of \$5 Million. Facilities without current telemedicine capability will be prioritized. The funding is first come first served. Please review the notice of funding opportunity to determine criteria for application.

6. Q: What is this grant to be spent on?

A: During the 2024 legislative session, the legislature passed Senate Bill 209 which appropriated \$5,000,000 in federal fund authority relating to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This funding is to be used to provide grants to assisted living centers and nursing homes with telemedicine technology and infrastructure necessary to use the telemedicine technology. The purpose of the grants is to use ARPA dollars to provide telemedicine technology to assisted living centers and nursing centers in remote and underserved parts of the state.

7. Q: Do you have a specific budget form that will need to be utilized?

A: No, there is not a specific form for the budget so please develop your budget and include in your proposal. Budget should be itemized and detailed to include relevant information to the request.



8. Q: Is the grant for one specific project or are we able to request multiple projects if the budget is within the maximum award based on our number of licensed beds?

A: You may consider submitting for multiple projects, not to exceed your maximum award (based on your number of licensed beds), as long as it is itemized and detailed to include relevant information to the request.

9. Q: Do you need our exact project quote from the provider or a ballpark figure?

A: The amount of funding would be based on the submitted documentation with the proposal so if the project exceeds the documentation submitted, the contract, if awarded, would only be for the amount submitted.

10. Q: Do you need our specific project provider or can we pick them after we receive the grant?

A: You may select a provider/contractor after award; however, the amount of funding would be based on the submitted documentation with the proposal.

11. Q: Can part of the proposal be rejected or accepted or is it all or none?

A: Depending on how the proposal is written and budget proposed, part of the proposal could be rejected or accepted if multiple projects are submitted.

12. Q: When will the grant money be awarded?

A: Applicants selected to receive an award will be contacted as applications are approved. These will be subrecipient contracts so there are several requirements a provider must meet before a contract can be initiated. Please see subrecipient requirements within this Q&A. Once all subrecipient requirements are met, a contract will then be initiated with the provider and the DOH. Once a contract is fully executed, the funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis. DOH would need an invoice showing it was paid.

13. Q: What is a subrecipient?

A: A non-Federal entity that receives a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a Federal program. For this award, providers are the non-Federal entity receiving a subaward that is passing through the DOH to carry out American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) activities.

14. Q: What are the requirements of a subrecipient?

A: You will be asked to complete a Financial Capacity Questionnaire. DOH will use the responses to determine the capacity of the accounting system and financial capability of your entity. It will help us assess whether your organization is likely to need additional technical assistance to properly administer grant funds. This form is mandatory to meet State and Federal requirements.

Additional requirements include: monitoring, following Federal requirements, and close out following the end of the period of performance.



15. Q: The financial capacity questionnaire asks for SAM.gov registration status and a Unique Entity ID (UEI). What does this mean?

A: SAM.gov is a federal website. They will issue your entity a 12-character alphanumeric ID known as a UEI after they have validated your organization's legal business name and address. DOH uses this ID to review your entity and verify it is not subject to suspension and debarment.

16. Q: How do I receive the grant funds?

A: Funds will be distributed on a reimbursement basis. An invoice template will be included with your executed agreement with instructions on billing. A completed invoice and supporting documentation should be sent to Jennifer Geuther at [jgeuther@bhssc.org](mailto:jgeuther@bhssc.org) or [Jennifer.Geuther@state.sd.us](mailto:Jennifer.Geuther@state.sd.us).