



South Dakota Department of Health Office of Health Facilities Licensure & Certification

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Funding Opportunity for SNF, NF & ALC Facilities

The South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Facilities Licensure and Certification, has funding available to support skilled nursing and long-term care facilities with recruitment and retention opportunities to enhance infection prevention infrastructure necessary to support resident, visitor, and facility healthcare personnel safety.

SECTION I: OVERVIEW

The South Dakota Department of Health (SDDOH) received \$2.5 million to support the "Nursing Home & Long-term Care Facility Strike Team and Infrastructure Project" awarded through CDC's Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Cooperative Agreement (CK19-1904).

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Nursing Facilities
- Assisted Living Centers

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

Allowable use of funds:

- Personnel (term, temporary, students, overtime, contract staff, etc.): This includes, but is not limited to, facility non-clinical staff (e.g., to assist with Activities of Daily Living); and/or facility clinical staff (e.g., nurses, doctors) necessary to achieve activities in this guidance.
- May direct funding to support personnel, including clinical services support, as part of an overall LTC settings staffing and infrastructure plan.
- Recipients should consider ways to incentivize recruitment and retention of all staff, including, for example, salary increases, bonuses, and upgrading from part-time to full-time positions, etc.
- Build or expand resources available to support existing staff in facilities
 - Develop professional development/scholarship opportunities
 - Establish mental health and counseling services for staff

Funds may not be used for the following activities:

- Loan forgiveness
 - These funds are not retroactive, so they cannot be used for past expenses;
 - There would be no agreement established in good faith before the costs were incurred or services rendered;
 - While covering certification programs and other professional development opportunities are customary under ELC, paying for full education programs/degrees is not in scope.
- Mental health services for Long-term Care residents

FACILITY FUNDING

Facilities may apply for an award up to \$20,000. Funding will be first come, first serve and will be monitored throughout the funding period with the potential opportunity to announce additional funding dependent on interest. Applications will be reviewed promptly after the application period closes. Upon SDDOH approval, the SDDOH will contact the applicant and begin initiating contracts. Additionally, if the SDDOH needs additional information to approve the facilities request, the SDDOH will contact the applicant.

No pre-award costs will be eligible for reimbursement. Completion of activities is subject to the scope of what is being proposed.

AVAILABLE FUNDING AND CHECKLIST

Application Deadline: The application deadline is 5:00 PM CT on April 15, 2023.

Important Dates	
Application Opens	March 15, 2023
Application Closes	5:00 PM CT on April 15, 2023
End of Funding Period	May 10, 2024

How to Submit an Application:

Send the completed application form and required attachments (see below) to DOHLCTeam@state.sd.us.

Please indicate in the subject line: "**Long Term Care Facility Strike Team and Infrastructure Project**"

Application Checklist:

The following documents should be provided to ensure your application is received as complete.

- Completed, signed Application Form
- Completed Budget
- W-9

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Don't hesitate to contact the South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Facilities Licensure and Certification at DOHLCTeam@state.sd.us or by phone at 605-773-3356.

Application Form

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Instructions: SNF, NF & ALC facilities seeking funding for recruitment and retention must fill out the application below.

SECTION A: APPLICANT INFORMATION

CONTRACT SIGNATORY & FACILITY APPLICANT

NAME & TITLE:

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE:

ZIP:

PRIMARY CONTACT:

TELEPHONE NO:

E-MAIL:

FAX NO:

SECTION B: RECRUITMENT & RETENTION REQUEST

Attach a separate page briefly describing your facility's specific needs to support your recruitment & retention activities.

SECTION C: REQUIRED ATTACHMENT: COMPLETED BUDGET

Applicants must include a detailed budget as a separate attachment (.pdf, .xlsx, or .docx) to this application form.

Costs should be itemized, and calculations/assumptions provided to allow the state a full understanding of how requested funds are being calculated.

The Cost Proposal must also include a detailed narrative providing justification for each item requested.

SECTION D: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By signing this application form, applicants understand and will adhere to the following terms:

- The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities, and make awards as deemed to be in the best interest of the State of South Dakota.
- The State, upon satisfactory review and notice of award to the Applicant, will execute a contract for services using its standard agreement terms and conditions.
- If awarded, the Applicant acknowledges that it will submit for reimbursement of expenses as outlined in the executed contract monthly and that pre-payment for expenses is not allowable.

Date Application
Submitted: _____

Organization's Authorizing
Official Signature _____