



State of South Dakota
Coronavirus Relief Fund – COVID-19 Targeted Healthcare Grants
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Revised as of 12/22/2021 (Following Closure of the Application Period)

1. Who qualifies to apply for the South Dakota Targeted Healthcare Grants?

Eligible providers must be located in South Dakota and licensed or recognized by the State of South Dakota Department of Health as one of the following:

- Nursing Home/Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)
- Intermediate Care Facility (ICF)
- Senior Meals
- Residential Youth Care Provider (Group, PRTF, Independent Living)

2. What if my organization has multiple subsidiaries with different business lines with separate Tax Identification Numbers (TINs)? Should the provider apply at the parent organization level or the TIN level?

Applications must be submitted by TIN and not by a parent organization at the system level. For example, if a parent organization has separate TINs engaged in multiple provider categories (e.g., a provider that operates both nursing homes and intermediate care facilities), each separate TIN should submit an application.

If an eligible provider has multiple provider types under a single TIN, then the provider should apply under the provider type that generates the organization’s primary revenue.

3. What are the total funds available?

Final allocation of program funds totaled \$20 million.

4. How will the grant amount be determined?

SNFs, Nursing Homes, and ICFs received \$1,600 per licensed bed. Senior Meals and Residential Youth Care Providers received 27% of annual state revenue for targeted services.

5. Where and how will my organization apply?

Eligible providers will receive an email on behalf of the South Dakota Department of Social Services on December 2, 2021 providing them with a link to an online application on the South Dakota COVID-19 website at <https://covid.sd.gov>.



If you believe that your organization is an eligible provider and you have not received an email inviting you to submit an online application on December 2, 2021, please contact the Call Center for this program beginning on December 2nd at 605-937-7243. The South Dakota Department of Social Services will review your status as an eligible provider.

When you start the application, your business information should be pre-loaded in the online form.

If your organization applied to the Acute Care Hospital, Community Provider or High Impact/Safety Net healthcare grants program in 2020 but your contact for that application has changed, please contact the Call Center at 605-937-7243 or email COVID.HEALTHCAREGRANTS@state.sd.us with the name, phone number and email address of the person who will be completing the application.

6. Is there a deadline for submitting my application?

Yes, in order to receive a Targeted Healthcare Grant, you must submit the application no later than 6:00 pm central on Monday, December 13, 2021. You must also upload the signed Beneficiary Agreement no later than 6:00 pm central on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

7. What kind of information do I need for the application?

The following information is required for the application and will be pre-loaded in the application:

- Registered or legal name of provider
- All point of contact information (phone, email, physical address)
- Facility TIN number (or EIN number, if applicable)
- Bank account information for electronic payment of funds

If the above business information that has been pre-loaded into the online form has changed, you can enter the new information (e.g., recent name change, recent change of banking information).

8. What if I own more than one provider type, can I apply for each?

Yes, if an eligible provider owns and operates more than one eligible provider type with separate TINs, then each TIN can apply. If an eligible provider operates multiple eligible provider services under one TIN, then the provider should apply under the provider type that generates its primary revenue.

9. Will I have to submit financial information?

No, you will not have to submit any financial information.

10. How can my organization obtain assistance for the application process?

There will be an initial educational webinar and question session scheduled shortly after the opening of the application period. Details will be posted at <https://covid.sd.gov>.

Additionally, there will be regular live “office hours” during which providers may speak with program personnel to ask questions, and a call center will be operational beginning on December 2nd at 605-937-7243 from 8:00am – 5:00pm central.

11. What is the award process?

Applications will be reviewed after they have been determined to be complete. To be deemed complete, the application must be submitted through the application portal with all information fields and certifications complete and an electronically signed Beneficiary Agreement uploaded. Once the application has been initiated, the applicant will be provided with log-in credentials. The applicant may re-enter the application portal to access the application to complete the application and track its status once submitted.

Applicants will receive a notification indicating grant approval or denial, and if approved, the dollar amount of the grant. Grant awards will be issued to qualifying grant recipients through South Dakota Department of Revenue.

12. Is there a minimum or maximum award?

Yes, for nursing home/skilled nursing facility and intermediate care facility providers, the maximum award will be based on a per bed payment estimated at \$1,200 for all licensed beds within an eligible facility. For Senior Meals and Residential Youth Care Providers, the maximum award will be calculated at an estimated 19% of annual state revenue for the eligible services.

13. Where can I find additional information on the program?

Information can be found on <https://covid.sd.gov>. Please call the Call Center beginning on December 2nd at 605-937-7243 for additional assistance.

14. Are assisted living facilities eligible?

No, assisted living facilities are not eligible for this opportunity. However, they are eligible for a separate opportunity through DHS. A general communication was sent, and more information will be shared.

15. Are government nursing homes eligible?

No, government-owned entities, including city-owned and county-owned entities, are not eligible for this opportunity because funds must be fully distributed by 12/31/21.

16. What timeframe is the State using to calculate the annual state revenue for targeted services?

The timeframe is the past 12 months.

17. What are the terms and conditions of the grant?

Grant funding must be used to achieve one of the following purposes: 1) replace lost revenue due to COVID; 2) pay for increased costs due to COVID; and 3) ensure that providers are able to continue to provide essential services. Additionally, organizations must retain original versions of any documents submitted as part of the application and any documentation related to the use of funds for five (5) years.

The State may audit the providers, upon reasonable notice, in order to verify: 1) any information provided during the application; 2) the provider's eligibility for the grant; and 3) the provider's use of the grant following receipt. In the event the State later determines the information provided in the application was inaccurate, the provider was ineligible for the grant, or the provider's use of the grant following receipt was contrary to the signed agreement, the provider must repay the grant to the State in full.

The grant agreement, the fact the provider receives the grant, and the grant amount are public records. The provider's financial information provided during application will be exempt from disclosure under South Dakota's public records laws.

Providers must also comply with all Internal Revenue Service requirements relating to the tax status of funds provided, including the grant, under the CARES Act, as well as with all other federal and state laws and regulations. Providers must comply with all Health and Human Services ("HHS") requirements and guidance, if any, that may require the provider to declare any support received by the State in conjunction with any subsequent application for HHS assistance due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

18. During which timeframe should the number of licensed beds be reported?

Please report the number of licensed beds as of October 2021.

19. Are adult day programs eligible?

No, adult day programs are not eligible.

20. Will there be other opportunities for government-owned facilities?

Government owned entities are not eligible for this opportunity due to the timeline for all funds to be fully expended by 12/31/21.

21. What timeframe does the provider have to expend these funds once they are received?

Funds can be used through 2022.

22. Can I change the point of contact on the application?

Yes, applicants can request a point of contact change via email, including the business name, TIN, new point of contact name, email, and phone number.

23. Can I still apply if I did not receive the invitation link via email?

If you are a returning applicant and have not received the welcome email, please email us at COVID.HEALTHCAREGRANTS@state.sd.us with your contact info, the point of contact for the application, and your organization's TIN. If eligible, the point of contact will receive the welcome email.

24. How can I input my address or update the pre-loaded address?

Input "No" in response to the "Is the business mailing address above correct?". Then manually enter the Mailing Address in the fields above.

25. How can I change my business's account description (i.e., change from Adult Day Care to Nutrition, or Senior Meals)?

The account description can be changed in the Eligibility section, which is located after the Business Info section.