

COVID Relief Grants for Rural Hospitals

The State of Alabama will offer grants to Rural Hospitals that meet eligibility requirements. Total approved disbursements will be awarded to eligible applicants. The Alabama Rural Hospital Grants are to support rural hospitals that have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The application process for this grant program is being administered by the Alabama Department of Finance.

The application period for the Alabama Rural Hospital Grant Program will be open from noon March 14, 2022 through noon April 8, 2022.

Eligible applicants for this grant program are Rural Hospitals as defined in Alabama Act 2022-1. A list of those hospitals and their award amount can be found in Appendix A of this document.

COVID-19 Recovery Grant Program Website: <https://alabama.submittable.com/submit>

For questions, please contact the Coronavirus Recovery Funds Office at (334) 353-2749 or submissions@finance.alabama.gov. Please include "Rural Hospital Grant Program" in the subject line of the email.

Frequently Asked Questions

General

- **What is the Alabama Rural Hospital Grant Program?**

This program is an initiative of Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Legislature to provide support to Alabama-Based Rural Hospitals that have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. U.S. Treasury guidance allows the State to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars for qualified expenditures. Therefore, the State of Alabama will offer cash grants in a predetermined amount for organizations that meet eligibility requirements. More information about the grant application process and eligibility requirements is included in the responses to "Frequently Asked Questions" below and on the Alabama Coronavirus Relief Fund website at <https://frf.alabama.gov/>.

- **Where did the funding come from?**

The Alabama Legislature appropriated \$136,796,346 from Alabama's ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Revenue Replacement Fund. \$30 million of these funds will be distributed to Alabama's Rural Hospitals.

- **Is there any cost to me associated with the grant?**

No.

- **What is the timeline of the application?**

Monday, March 14, 2022 – Friday, April 8, 2022

Starting at noon on March 14, 2022, eligible rural hospitals may submit an application through the Department of Finance's Submittable [Online Portal](#). The application period closes at noon on Friday, April 8, 2022.

- **What is the deadline to complete the application?**

On April 8, 2022 at noon.

- **How many providers will receive the funds?**

Grants will be awarded to eligible Rural Hospitals across the State of Alabama. Please see Appendix A attached to this document.

- **What type of expenses are not permissible under this grant?**

This grant award is to be utilized to support the provision of police, fire, and public safety services. The Funds may not be used for the following:

- *To offset a reduction in net tax revenue;*
- *For deposit into pension funds;*
- *For debt service or replenishing financial reserves;*
- *For satisfaction of settlements or judgments;*
- *Or, any project or use that conflicts or contravenes the purpose of the American Rescue Plan Act*

For further context of permissible use of the grant award, please review Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Guidance and Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Frequently Asked Questions on the [U.S. Department of the Treasury Website](#).

- **How will I be notified about the status of my application?**

To find out the status of your application, please log into your online portal.

- **Is there a way for me to know that my application was successfully submitted?**

You will receive an email confirmation letting you know your application has been submitted. You may also log into your online portal.

- **Who can I contact to follow up with my application?**

Please log into your online portal to find the status of your application.

Eligibility

- **Who is eligible to apply?**

Rural Hospitals as defined in Alabama Act 2022-1. Please see attached Appendix A.

- **Can I apply more than once for the same Rural Hospital?**

No.

Application Process

- **What information do I need to have to complete my application?**

You will need contact information for the Rural Hospital, including the hospital's EIN, copy of an updated W-9, a copy of a voided check or bank memo, and any other supporting documentation that may be deemed necessary for award.

- **Will I have the option to save my application to make any changes and submit later or will I be required to complete the application in a single online session?**

You may save your application and come back to it at a later date (prior to application deadline) using your online portal credentials.

- **Can the application be changed after it has been submitted?**

No. Once the application has been submitted, you will not be able to make any changes.

- **Can I resubmit my application if I fail to submit supporting documentation with my application?**

Only one application per rural hospital will be accepted. If you omit information, you may be contacted as the application is processed and allowed to submit supporting documentation as required for the program.

- **Can I submit my application via regular mail or email?**

No. Currently, the program is only accepting applications through Submittable [Online Portal](#).

Payment Information

- **How will I receive my funds (by check or direct deposit)?**

Grant funds will be disbursed by direct deposit using the bank information provided on the application. To help ensure that payments are properly distributed, bank information submitted with an application will be subject to review prior to the distribution of funds. To avoid delays in the disbursement of grant funds, applicants must provide bank account information for a depository account with a valid bank routing number. If the bank information provided is for a prepaid debit card or similar payment medium, this bank information will be subject to manual review and confirmation before the funds are disbursed. (Please note, although these verification measures may slow down the disbursement of grant funds, they are necessary to ensure that your organization is the one receiving any grant funds awarded and that an application has not been submitted on your behalf without your knowledge.) If the bank information provided with the application has previously been designated as fraudulent, the grant application will be denied.

- **Will these funds be issued to me as a loan or a grant?**

A grant.

- **Do I have to repay these funds?**

No, unless it is determined the information contained within the application was false, fraudulent, or materially misleading or if it is determined that the funds were utilized for an impermissible use.

- **How much can I apply for?**

A Rural Hospital applicant may apply for and be awarded a grant equal to the amount shown in Appendix A.

- **How will the amount of the grant award be determined?**

Grant awards to eligible rural hospitals will be based on the number of licensed beds in each facility.

- **Do I need to document or report how I use the funds I receive?**

Yes, you should document the use of the grant award and retain that information for the purpose of possible future federal, state, or other audits.

Account Registration

- Will I have to create an account/profile in order to complete the application?

Yes. To apply, please go through the [Online Portal](#).

Technical Troubleshooting

- Who do I need to contact if I have any technical difficulties with the application process or if I'm unable to log into my account?

For Application Customer Support, please contact:

Submittable

Monday-Friday 10-6pm (CST)

Contact Submittable

Appendix A

Amended March 21, 2022 *

Facility Name	Allocation
MEDICAL CENTER BARBOUR	\$536,751.00
BIBB MEDICAL CENTER	\$253,884.00
PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, INC.	\$442,462.00
REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OF CENTRAL ALABAMA	\$522,245.00
EAMC - LANIER	\$834,124.00
CHEROKEE MEDICAL CENTER	\$435,209.00
ST. VINCENTS CHILTON	\$217,619.00
CHOCTAW GENERAL HOSPITAL	\$181,354.00
GROVE HILL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	\$362,679.00
JACKSON MEDICAL CENTER	\$253,884.00
THOMASVILLE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	\$210,366.00
CLAY COUNTY HOSPITAL	\$384,438.00
MEDICAL CENTER ENTERPRISE	\$950,172.00
EVERGREEN MEDICAL CENTER	\$420,703.00
ANDALUSIA HEALTH	\$638,293.00
MIZELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	\$718,076.00
CRENSHAW COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	\$471,474.00
BEACON CHILDRENS HOSPITAL	\$203,113.00
CULLMAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	\$1,051,714.00
SANCTUARY AT THE WOODLANDS, THE	\$290,149.00
DALE MEDICAL CENTER	\$645,546.00
VAUGHAN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER-PARKWAY CAMPUS	\$1,269,304.00
DEKALB REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	\$971,931.00
ATMORE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	\$355,426.00
D. W. MCMILLAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	\$660,052.00
FAYETTE MEDICAL CENTER	\$442,462.00
RED BAY HOSPITAL	\$181,354.00
RUSSELLVILLE HOSPITAL	\$725,329.00
GREENE COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM	\$145,089.00
HALE COUNTY HOSPITAL	\$282,896.00
HIGHLANDS MEDICAL CENTER	\$1,233,039.00
WHITFIELD REGIONAL HOSPITAL	\$718,076.00
NORTH MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER-HAMILTON	\$355,426.00
NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER	\$514,992.00
MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER SOUTH	\$1,087,979.00
MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER NORTH	\$652,799.00
MONROE COUNTY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY	\$681,811.00
TROY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	\$703,570.00
TANNER MEDICAL CENTER - EAST ALABAMA	\$108,824.00
HILL HOSPITAL OF SUMTER COUNTY	\$239,378.00
COOSA VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER	\$1,218,533.00
CITIZENS BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER	\$884,895.00
RUSSELL MEDICAL CENTER	\$587,522.00
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	\$333,667.00
WASHINGTON COUNTY HOSPITAL	\$181,354.00
J. PAUL JONES HOSPITAL	\$217,619.00
LAKELAND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	\$355,426.00
ATHENS-LIMESTONE HOSPITAL	\$514,992.00
LAKE MARTIN HOSPITAL	\$333,667.00
LAWRENCE MEDICAL CENTER	\$710,823.00
ST. VINCENT'S BLOUNT	\$290,149.00
ST. VINCENT'S ST. CLAIR	\$290,149.00
WALKER BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER	\$1,936,577.00
NORTH ALABAMA SPECIALTY HOSPITAL	\$290,149.00
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	\$500,486.00
TOTALS	\$30,000,000.00

* Due to further analysis by SHPDA on census track data and utilizing HRSA guidelines, additional facilities which were initially not on the list of designated rural hospitals are deemed to have a rural designation and should be included.