

## COVID Relief Grants for Community Health Clinics

The State of Alabama will offer grants to Community Health Clinics that meet eligibility requirements. Total approved disbursements will be awarded to eligible applicants. The Alabama Community Health Clinic Grants are to support licensed Community Health Clinics with telemedicine expenses incurred in their response to Covid -19. The application process for this grant program is being administered by the Alabama Department of Finance.

The application period for the Alabama Community Health Clinic Grant Program will be open from noon Friday, March 15, 2024 through noon, Friday, March 29, 2024.

Eligible applicants for this grant program are the federally qualified health clinics 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](mailto:submissions@finance.alabama.gov). Please include "Community Health Clinics Telemedicine Grant Program" in the subject line of the email.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### General

- **What is the Alabama Community Health Clinics Telemedicine Grant Program?**

*This program is an initiative of Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Legislature to assist with eligible covid-related telemedicine expenses incurred by licensed Community Health Clinics. 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 facilities 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 \$9,000,000 from Alabama's ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Fund to support the delivery of telemedicine based healthcare and related services. \$2,675,000 of these funds will be distributed to eligible Community Health Clinics.*

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

*No.*

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

*Friday, March 15, 2024 – Friday, March 29, 2024*

*Starting at noon, March 15, 2024, eligible facilities may submit an application through the Department of Finance's Submittable [Online Portal](#). The application period closes at noon on Friday, March 29, 2024.*

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

*On March 29, 2024 at noon.*

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

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

- **What are the eligible uses of the funds under this grant?**

*The purpose of this grant is to provide assistance with telemedicine expenses incurred by eligible Community Health Clinics as they respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. Awards under this program may be used for:*

- *Telehealth equipment and technology, connectivity and related infrastructure*
- *Telehealth based care providers and clinical support staff*
- *Telehealth information technology to better prevent, monitor, and treat chronic disease through remote patient monitoring*
- *Telehealth information technology to support medical education and health professional training*

*All funds awarded under this program must be obligated by the recipient no later than June 1, 2024. Any unobligated funds must be returned to the Department of Finance no later than June 31, 2024. For more information on obligation, please refer to guidance available at [U.S. Department of the Treasury Website](#).*

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

*The purpose of this grant is to provide assistance with covid-related expenses incurred by eligible Community Health Clinics as they responded to the Covid-19 pandemic. Awards under this program may not be used for:*

- *Reimbursement for costs covered by insurance payments*
- *Expenses that will be reimbursed under other federal or state funding programs*

- Reimbursements to donors for donated goods or services
- Workforce bonuses
- Severance pay
- Legal settlements
- Payment of outstanding dept
- Pension or retirement obligations

*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?**

*Federally Qualified Health Clinics headquartered within the State of Alabama. Please see attached Appendix A.*

- **Can I apply more than once for the same health center?**

*No. Each organization may receive only one award of funds.*

### **Application Process**

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

*You will need contact information for the center, including the 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 facility 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?**

*An eligible 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 centers are calculated on a pro rata basis.*

- **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](#)*

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## Appendix A

| <u>Health Center Organization</u>               | <u>HQ City</u> | <u>Allocation to each organization</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| AltaPointe Health Systems/Accordia              | Mobile         | \$140,789.47                           |
| Alabama Regional Medical Services               | Birmingham     | \$140,789.47                           |
| Alethia House                                   | Bessemer       | \$140,789.47                           |
| Bayou LaBatre Area Health Development Board     | Irvington      | \$140,789.47                           |
| Cahaba Medical Care Foundation                  | Centreville    | \$140,789.47                           |
| Capstone Rural Health Center                    | Jasper         | \$140,789.47                           |
| Central North Alabama Health Services           | Huntsville     | \$140,789.47                           |
| Christ Health Center, Inc.                      | Birmingham     | \$140,789.47                           |
| Family Health - Mobile County Health Department | Bay Minette    | \$140,789.47                           |
| Franklin Primary Health Center                  | Mobile         | \$140,789.47                           |
| Health Services Inc.                            | Montgomery     | \$140,789.47                           |
| Northeast Alabama Health Services, Inc.         | Scottsboro     | \$140,789.47                           |
| Quality of Life Health Services, Inc.           | Gadsden        | \$140,789.47                           |
| Rural Health Medical Program                    | Selma          | \$140,789.47                           |
| Southeast Alabama Rural Health Associates       | Troy           | \$140,789.47                           |
| Thrive Alabama                                  | Huntsville     | \$140,789.47                           |
| Maude L. Whatley Health Services, Inc.          | Tuscaloosa     | \$140,789.47                           |
| HAPPI Health Pediatric and Family Care          | Huntsville     | \$140,789.47                           |
| Physicians Care of Clarke                       | Camden         | \$140,789.47                           |
|                                                 | TOTALS         | \$2,675,000.00                         |