

Nursing Home Infection Control Grant 2024

Q&A Updated: August 29, 2024

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1.	Does it matter when you apply, within the application period? For example, those that apply early are more likely to receive funds than those that wait if funds run out?	The grant is first-come, first-served until funds run out. Earlier applications will be allocated funds before later applications.
2.	Can we get a list of all of the questions in the grant application so we can be ready when the website opens for application?	A sample containing the application questions can be found at https://mph.org/2024/07/31/infection-control-rfp/ at the link labeled Sample Application.
3.	Will we have access to view the application after being marked complete?	No. If you want to view your answers after saving and marking as complete, you will need to download a .pdf version before you exit.
4.	Can the application as completed be saved/printed to pdf?	Yes.
5.	Can anything previously done that qualifies be reimbursed through the grant?	No. Only approved work completed after January 1, 2025, will qualify for this grant.

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6.	The overview states that all projects must be completed after Jan 1, 2025. Can the project be started prior to that date and completed and invoiced after Jan 1, 2025?	No, work may not be started until after the contract is executed, January 1, 2025. All grant work for this award will be done between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025.
7.	Can each skilled nursing facility in the State of Michigan apply for an infection control award up to \$250,000 per facility? Or is that the total amount of funds for the entire state?	Each skilled nursing facility is eligible to apply for a grant up to \$250,000 (each skilled nursing facility must have a Federal CCN number). This capped amount is the amount per grant. Grants will be reviewed and approved on a first come first serve basis until the monies are exhausted.
8.	Can I submit a single application for multiple facilities along with a spreadsheet detailing facility specific information on behalf of a corporation/management company/or the like?	Each individual nursing facility must have its own application and supporting documentation. An individual facility is defined by a CMS Certification Number (CCN). Only one CCN may appear on each application, and a separate application must be submitted for each CCN. Multiple facilities on one application will not be accepted.
9.	Can the program contact, financial contact, and facility contract signatory be the same person?	Yes.
10.	Instructions state that if the application cannot be completed in one sitting, I can save and the system will provide a link to return and continue my work. That said, I was wondering if I can start the applications now and save the work until it can be submitted at 8 am on Sept. 3rd?	The application will not go live until September 3, 2024.

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11.	How and when will I receive the online application link to complete the application?	The online application link will be posted on the website on September 3, 2024.
12.	The maximum amount for each facility is \$250K and the applications are reviewed in the order in which they are received. Can you tell me the total amount of the allocated funding for MI that is available for this grant?	At this time, we anticipate awarding over 8 million dollars.

<p>13.</p>	<p>We have the most recent financial audit but not a single audit (it was not required). Will the financial audit alone be sufficient?</p>	<p>Required Audit or Audit Exemption Notice. Subcontractors must submit to the MPHI a Single Audit, or Audit Exemption Notice as described below. If submitting a Single Audit or Financial Statement Audit, Subcontractors must also submit a Corrective Action Plan prepared in accordance with Title 2 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 200.511(c) for any audit findings that impact MPHI or any other funder’s funded programs and management letter (if issued) with a corrective action plan.</p> <p>Single Audit. Subcontractors that are a state, local government or non-profit organization that expends \$750,000 or more in federal awards during the Contractor’s fiscal year must submit a Single Audit to MPHI, regardless of the amount of funding received from MPHI. The Single Audit must comply with the requirements of Title 2 CFR Subpart F. The Single Audit reporting package must include all components described in Title 2 CFR, Section 200.512(c)</p> <p>Financial Related Audit. Subcontractors that are for-profit organizations that expend \$750,000 or more in federal awards during the Subcontractors fiscal year must submit either a financial related audit prepared in accordance with Government Auditing Standards relating to all federal awards; or an audit that meets the requirements contained in Title 2 CFR, Subpart F, if required by MPHI or any other funder funding this project.</p> <p>Financial Statement Audit. Subcontractors exempt for the Single Audit and Financial Related Audit requirements that receive \$750,000 or more Federal grant funding must submit to MPHI an Audit Exemption Notice that certifies these exemptions. The template Audit Exemption Notice and further instructions are available at http://www.michigan.gov/MDHHS/ by selecting MDHHS-MDHHS Audit. Subcontractors exempt from the Single Audit and Financial Related Audit requirements must also submit to MPHI a Financial Statement Audit prepared in accordance with GAAS if the audit includes disclosures that may negatively impact MPHI or any state or federal funded programs including, but not limited to fraud, going concern uncertainties, financial statement misstatements, and violations of contract and grant provisions. If submitting a Financial Statement Audit, Grantees must also submit a corrective plan for any audit findings that impacts MPHI or any state or federal funded programs.</p>
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14.	Can more than one project be included in an application? It would be the same facility and both projects would add up to stay within the \$250,000 range, but they would be different types of infection control equipment.	Yes
15.	Will extensions be granted if work extends after Dec 2025 due to contractor/supply chain delays?	The application and work should be planned to be completed in 2025. Unforeseen delays that extend the timeline would be subject to additional review and consideration.
16.	We are CAH that has Swing Bed program (SNF level of care for subacute rehab) and wondering if following grant is applicable to us as well as to nursing home facilities that care for SNF patients?	A hospital with swing beds would not be eligible for this grant.
17.	<p>We'd like to see if mobile UV-C devices are eligible for purchase with grant funds. We ask because they can be used to combat candida auris, which is called out in the grant.</p> <p>We also want to know if indoor air quality (IAQ) sensors can be purchased with grant funds.</p>	We would not be able to give this kind of answer out until after the proposal is reviewed and we see in what context the facility would use the product.

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18.	Will we use the same link to access the link to complete applications, once the application period opens?	The link to the web application will be posted on the MPHI NHIC Webpage . It will be a hyperlink beside the “ Link to Apply: ” text on the page.
19.	Would it be possible to have this grant, if awarded, paid to an organizing arm of a healthcare organization instead of to the specific nursing facility that applied?	No, the entity receiving payment must qualify for the grant and be the same as the facility applying with their CCN and tax identification number.
20.	Would the person listed as the financial contact be answering questions from MPHI about reimbursement requests sent to MPHI?	Yes.
21.	If a quote is over the \$250,000 allotted amount, can it be submitted? If that quote is selected, the overage will be paid out of the operational budget. Is this allowed?	Yes. MPHI will only contract for the services up to the grant threshold.

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22.	<p>Can proposals be partially funded or are they all or nothing?</p> <p>Would an evaluator approve a portion of a proposal?</p> <p>So if we propose new RTU units (\$150,000) and the add on UV filtration system (\$50,000)... would you prefer we write that as two separate grant proposals or one proposal for \$200,000?</p>	<p>MPHI would like to fund the entire project. However, we would consider funding part of it in the case of part of it not meeting the evaluation criteria.</p> <p>MPHI would prefer it be submitted as one proposal with costs for each broken down in the financial area.</p>
23.	<p>Where can I get a blank copy of the application so I can complete it and scan or email it to the proper party?</p>	<p>You can find an example of the application's contents by going to https://mphio.org/2024/07/31/infection-control-rfp/. The application itself can only be submitted by completing the application questionnaire online. That online questionnaire will become available on September 3, 2024.</p>
24.	<p>Where can we locate our Facility Unique Entity Identifier? Is this through the System Award Management website? If we cannot find one for us do we need to register there and then get the number to complete this?</p>	<p>If you do not have a UEI, you must register with the SAM website, https://sam.gov/content/home.</p>
25.	<p>Will we be made aware of grant approval prior to expectation of purchasing the item(s)?</p>	<p>You will be notified when your application has been approved.</p>

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26.	Many NF providers do not get financial audits done regularly. Possible to just provide internal financial statements?	As an entity receiving federal funding, MPHI is required to perform a risk assessment on the facility. This risk assessment includes a review of financial and single audits. If audits do not exist, then the facility is subject to additional monitoring of invoice submissions which may require additional detailed support or follow up questions regarding each submission.