



Announcement from the Nebraska Office of Rural Health **Exciting New funding opportunity for CAH and RHC**

The Nebraska Office of Rural Health is administering a new CDC grant to address health disparities in rural communities awarded to DHHS. All Nebraska Critical Access Hospitals qualify for a \$100,000 subaward and all Rural Health Clinics for a \$50,000 subaward under this grant.

The criteria for this money is very flexible and may be used to:

- Replace or improve HVAC
- Build barriers or reconfigure space for physical distancing
- Repurpose office space to maintain or increase hospital services
- Improve telehealth infrastructure
- Create separate testing areas
- Create website and social media feeds to include patient self-assessment tools
- Improve communications network
- Purchase radiological equipment
- Coordinate between healthcare partners
- Increase services that address social risk factors
- Enhance electronic tracking, data exchange, reporting, and billing
- Purchase or upgrade electronic health records

This is an important opportunity for Nebraska's rural communities to improve healthcare services beyond COVID response. Even though your facility may have already made improvements with other grant money, this grant is available for further improvements or to assist in any improvements made starting June, 2021. These funds may be used through May, 2023. Talk to us about how you may combine your hospital / clinic funds or work with other healthcare organizations in your area also receiving this grants. (However, each facility must have its contract.)

A new individual from our office has been designated to assist you with completing the necessary application and information throughout the grant period. Questions about the grant, feel free to contact:

Dave Bell, DHHS Health Program Manager

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Dave looks forward to working with you and will be in contact with you over the next several weeks to talk about how to utilize this new funding. **Please complete the acknowledgement form regarding your anticipated acceptance of the fund by December 23, 2021.**

Don't miss out on this great opportunity for rural healthcare facilities!



Please return this form on or before December 23, 2021.

Administrator/CEO:

Hospital and /or Rural Health Clinic Name:

CCN#:

Address:

City/State/Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

Hospital and / or Rural Health Clinic **ACCEPTS** CDC Health Disparity Funds.

Hospital and /or Rural Health Clinic is **REFUSING** CDC Health Disparity Funds.

Reason for refusal (*Optional*):

Administrator/CEO Signature:

Date:

E-signatures acceptable.