



Are you a Kansas Local Health Department who has been hit hard by the pandemic?

There are a number of programs you can apply for to support your patients:

Provider Relief Fund (PRF)

What is it?

- The Provider Relief Fund is intended to apply to healthcare providers, including hospitals, medical schools, behavioral health centers, community mental health centers, and skilled nursing facilities, that “lost revenues that are attributable to coronavirus.” The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was recently allocated \$3.00B for PRF.

What can it be used for?

- Providers can use Provider Relief Fund payments to cover any cost that the lost revenue otherwise would have covered, so long as that cost prevents, prepares for, or responds to COVID-19.

Where can I apply?

- Learn more here: <https://tinyurl.com/HHSPRF>

FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program

What is it?

- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) received an additional \$250.00M in funding for the COVID-19 Telehealth Program to aid health care providers in delivering connected care services to patients at their homes or mobile locations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

What can it be used for?

- The program fully funds providers' telecommunications services, information services, and devices necessary to provide critical connected care services.

Where can I apply?

- Learn more here: <https://tinyurl.com/HHSPRF>

Are you located in a rural area?

USDA Distance Learning and Telehealth (DLT) Grants

What is it?

- The US Department of Agriculture recently allotted \$42.30M in funding for Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grants for rural areas with population of 20,000 or less. The goal of the program is to help rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density.

What can it be used for?

- The program supports eligible rural communities with the costs associated with capital assets, instructional programming, and technical assistance. The range of grants will be between \$50,000 - \$1,000,000.

Where can I learn more

- Learn more and apply here: <https://covid.ks.gov/usda-dlt/>



Coming soon: Additional American Rescue Plan support

- **The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) includes a number of programs related to healthcare providers:**
 - Healthcare Providers (\$8.50B)
 - Payments to eligible healthcare providers for healthcare related expenses and lost revenues that are attributable to COVID-19.
 - Public Health Workforce (\$7.66B)
 - Costs, including wages and benefits, related to the recruiting, hiring, and training of individuals required to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.
 - Personal protective equipment (PPE), data management and other technology, or other necessary supplies.
 - Administrative costs and activities necessary for awardees to implement activities funded under this section.
 - Community Care (\$7.60B)
 - Support community health responses to COVID-19, including vaccine distribution, testing and tracing, purchases of PPE, expansion of healthcare workforce, and community outreach.
- **ARPA also provides a number of programs related to behavioral health:**
 - Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services (\$1.50B)
 - Block Grants for prevention and treatment of substance abuse (\$1.50B)
 - Mental health and substance use disorder training for healthcare professionals and public safety officers (\$80.00M)
 - Education and awareness campaign encouraging healthy work conditions and use of mental health services (\$20.00M)
 - Grants for healthcare providers to promote mental health among their workforce (\$0.04B)

Additional programs for Local Health Departments:

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Activities (\$7.50B)**
- **Testing, contact tracing, and mitigation (\$47.80B)**
- **Technical assistance, guidance, and support to public health departments.**

