

**Health Care Provider Stabilization Grant Program
Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS)**

Objective	To provide financial assistance to health care and human service providers experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and response to ensure a stabilized system of care that will continue to serve Vermonters. Provider organizations may use the grant application process to request funding to offset lost revenue resulting from COVID-19 and increased COVID-19-related expenses. The grant program will be administered pursuant to Act 136 , signed into law by Governor Scott on July 2, 2020, and in accordance with Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act governing the permissible use of Coronavirus Relief Funds.
Provider Organizations Eligible for Grants	Vermont-based health care and human service provider organizations in operation on or before February 1, 2020 will be eligible to receive stabilization grants through this program. Only billing providers are eligible to submit applications.
Documentation Required for Grant Application	<p>Providers will be able to apply and upload required documents using a web-based form. To complete the application, organizations should prepare the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organizational billing and revenue in 2019 and 2020. 2. COVID-19-related expenses incurred. 3. Financial relief received to date from federal, state, or other sources. 4. Organizational tax information (to facilitate payment processing). 5. Documentation to substantiate revenue, billing, expense, and relief totals included in the application (e.g., production summaries, general ledgers, invoices, receipts).
Grant Application Process and Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHS will administer two application cycles: one beginning July 17th (for the time period March 1, 2020 – June 15, 2020), and one beginning October 19th (for the time period March 1, 2020 – September 15, 2020). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AHS reserves the right to prioritize the distribution of funds. • Applications must be submitted electronically using the web-based form. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The first cycle application period is July 17, 2020 through August 15, 2020. ○ The second cycle application period is October 19, 2020 through November 6, 2020. • All applications will be reviewed after the application period closes. • Funding determinations will be made based on the total need demonstrated in the applications received, subject to available funding. • Funding will be issued as one or more grant payments beginning in late August for the first application cycle and late November for the second application cycle. • To sign up for periodic e-mail updates about the program, complete this online form. To ask questions about the application process, use this web-based form. Additional resources will be posted online as available here.
Conditions of Grant Funding	<p>Eligibility to receive a Health Care Provider Stabilization grant is conditioned on the provider organization’s agreement to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant funds will be expended by December 30, 2020. • Grant funds will be used to cover costs and lost revenues associated with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) disaster, in accordance with section 601 of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, div. A, Title V (Mar. 27, 2020) (“section 601”). • Any resulting grant shall be funded with Federal funds and subject to the requirements of Single Audit found at 2 CFR §200 Subpart F. • If applicable, the provider organization will continue participation in value-based payment initiatives beyond 2020.