

**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. In order to complete the application, organizations should prepare the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organizational 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, expense, and relief totals included in the application (ex. W-9, income statements, 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 in October (for the time period June 16, 2020 – September 30, 2020). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the event that demonstrated need in the first application cycle exceeds the allocated funding amount, AHS reserves the right to prioritize the distribution of funds in the first cycle. • For the first cycle, applications should be submitted electronically using the web-based form between July 17, 2020 and August 15, 2020. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dates for a second application cycle are forthcoming. • 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Payment details for a second application cycle are forthcoming. • To sign up for periodic e-mail updates about the program, complete this online form. To ask questions about the application process on/after July 17th, use this web-based form. Additional resources (including a Frequently Asked Questions document and a webinar recording about how to complete the application) 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, provider organization will continue participation in value-based payment initiatives beyond 2020. |