Expanding COVID-19 Vaccinations Initiative for Health Centers

In partnership with the Biden Administration, on December 9, 2022, HRSA announced a new $350 million funding opportunity for the nation’s health centers. The goal of this initiative is to increase confidence in and access to COVID-19 vaccinations and treatments, with a specific focus on underserved populations.

Health Centers are encouraged to use Expanding COVID-19 Vaccination (ECV) funds for activities that can be completed within a six-month period. This funding is intended to help health centers respond to anticipated increases in COVID-19 transmission this winter. You can review HRSA’s activity template and review the FAQs for more information on allowable activities.

ECV funds should be used for activities that supplement existing efforts to increase access to COVID-19 vaccines and treatments. Activities can include, but not limited to:

- Support for mobile, drive-up, walk-up, or community based COVID vaccination events
- Extending operating hours, outreach, & off-site COVID vaccination locations
- Providing enabling services such as transportation, translation, education, & interpretation services
- Increasing outreach, communication, & education efforts, & work overall with community partners
- Providing hazard/premium pay for personnel and hiring new personnel to support COVID-19 vaccination activities

This funding also extends to administering other vaccines (e.g., flu) at events already providing COVID-19 vaccines!

How does my health center get the money?
If you received ARPA funding, you qualify for awards. Health centers must submit information about planned activities & costs by Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Additionally, award recipients must add their Coronavirus-related grants to their HRSA’s Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) portfolio to view and complete the submission in EHBs.

Learn more about this opportunity:
- Guidance on submission
- Technical assistance webpage
- Q&A Office Hours for Award Recipients: Wednesday, January 4, 2023, from 2–3 PM ET