

New York City COVID Resource Center:
Funding Opportunity Checklist for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

Multiple funding sources are available to FQHCs to support the COVID-19 response. This checklist, while not all encompassing, is designed to support FQHC providers in navigating and managing current and future funding opportunities.

Tracking and Obtaining Federal Funding, Flexibilities and Cashflow Opportunities

- Monitor [HRSA guidance](#) on [CARES Supplemental Funding](#) and [Coronavirus Supplemental Funding](#), including reporting requirements, technical assistance, and allowable uses of funds; the [deadline](#) for the CARES Supplemental Funding reporting requirement is **May 8, 2020****
- Monitor receipt of [CARES Act Provider Relief Fund](#) distributions** noting amounts received from the initial tranche of funding which supplied a general allocation proportional to 2018 net patient revenue; following receipt, **complete [attestation form](#)** and review funding terms and conditions
- [Sign up for claims reimbursement](#) for COVID-19 testing and treatment of uninsured patients since February 4, 2020** (program will generally reimburse at Medicare rates beginning May 6, 2020; registration opens **April 27, 2020**)
- Monitor and review eligibility guidance for requesting [FEMA funding](#) to support emergency expenses**, such as medical supplies, retrofitting facilities, and supporting surge capacity
- Track and pursue additional federal grant programs**, including already delivered funding such as [Bureau of Primary Health Care Supplemental Appropriations](#), and open opportunities, such as the [FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program](#) to support telehealth and information services infrastructure expenses
- Consider applying for funding available for small and medium-sized businesses**, including:
 - The [Paycheck Protection Program](#), for loans that are forgivable when used for payroll costs and certain other purposes during the eight week period after the loans are made; loans can be for up to 2.5 times average monthly payroll costs, but loan amounts are capped at \$10 million; loans are generally available to businesses that meet the U.S. Small Business Administration's small business [size standards](#) or have 500 employees or less
 - The [Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance \(EIDL\) Program](#), for up to \$10,000 in economic relief for businesses experiencing temporary difficulties (note: at the time of this checklist's publication, the SBA was not accepting new applications due to available appropriations funding)
 - [SBA Express Bridge Loans](#) for up to \$25,000 for businesses with an existing relationship with an SBA Express Lender
- Consider other cashflow flexibility options** including [deferring employer share of FICA contributions](#), [Federal tax credits to cover emergency paid and family leave](#), and [Federal tax credits for employee retention](#)
- Provide guidance to front line staff and providers on billing (e.g., e-consults)** to fully leverage [new federal flexibilities for FQHCs](#)
- Diligently track and document COVID-19 related incremental expenses and operating revenue**, including:
 - New services (e.g., telehealth)
 - Overtime, agency, and locum tenens staffing

- Closed services and reduced revenues for all sites and services
- Use of federal funds, including Provider Relief Funding
- Additional unexpected costs

Engaging New York State and Other Stakeholders on Future Funding

- Engage with the State and local associations** (e.g., [Community Health Care Association of New York State](#)) to influence distribution of future funding for the category of service

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