

2024 Nursing Home Infection Control Grant

Open Application Webinar

Overview of the 2022-2023 Infection Control Grant

- The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) provides relief to address continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state, local governments, individuals, and businesses.
- The open Infection Control Grant offered in late 2022 and early 2023 allowed each skilled nursing facility in the State of Michigan to apply for an infection control award up to \$65K per facility.
- This cap allowed every skilled nursing facility an opportunity to make improvements and enhance their current infection control process.

2024 Infection Control Grant

- MDHHS, through MPHI, is offering another opportunity to apply for an Infection Control Grant to reduce the spread of infectious disease.
- Any skilled nursing facility in the State of Michigan is eligible to apply for this grant.
 - This includes any Skilled Nursing Facility that received the maximum amount of \$65K in 2022-2023.
- The maximum amount for the 2024 Infection Control Grant will be \$250K.

Examples of Acceptable Projects

- UVGI and UVC Technologies
- HEPA air purifiers and filters
- Creation of Isolation areas
- Wheelchair scrubbers
- Air Scrubbers/UV air treatment systems
- HVAC Improvements

2024 Open Application Overview

- This is a first come, first served open application period.
- Applications will be reviewed in the order in which they are received.
- Each facility must fill out its own online application and upload the correct files.
- Applications will be accepted between 8 am (EDT) **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**, until 5 PM (EDT) **Tuesday, October 1, 2024**.
- All projects must be completed after January 1, 2025.
- All projects must be completed within the contractual period.

2024 Application Changes

- Application is an online form with places to upload supporting documents.
- \$250,000 maximum limit.
- Reimbursement of award upon completing a whole segment or the entire project. No monies will be advanced.
- Applications will be reviewed and approved in the order in which they are received until the allotted award amount is exhausted.
- It is possible that not all facilities that apply will be approved.

Required Documentation

- These are to be uploaded to and submitted with the application:
 - A copy of the facility's W-9.
 - A copy of the facility's most recent financial and single audit.
 - An itemized vendor quote or vendor's description of the equipment with pricing.
 - Additional quotes may be required at invoicing in line with MPHI's procurement policy.
 - Manufacturer brochures or product information

Timeline Overview

- Application period opens **8 am (EDT) Tuesday, September 3, 2024.**
- Application period closes **5 pm (EDT) October 1, 2024.**
- You will receive an automatic reply upon marking your application Complete.
- You will receive notification when your completed application has been reviewed.
- Approved awards will receive further instructions.
- All projects must be **completed after January 1, 2025.**

Reimbursement Process

- Awards will be reimbursed via Automated Clearing House (ACH) or paper check. ACH is preferred.
- Additional information including next steps, an ACH registration link, and invoicing information will be included in the approval email.

Application Overview

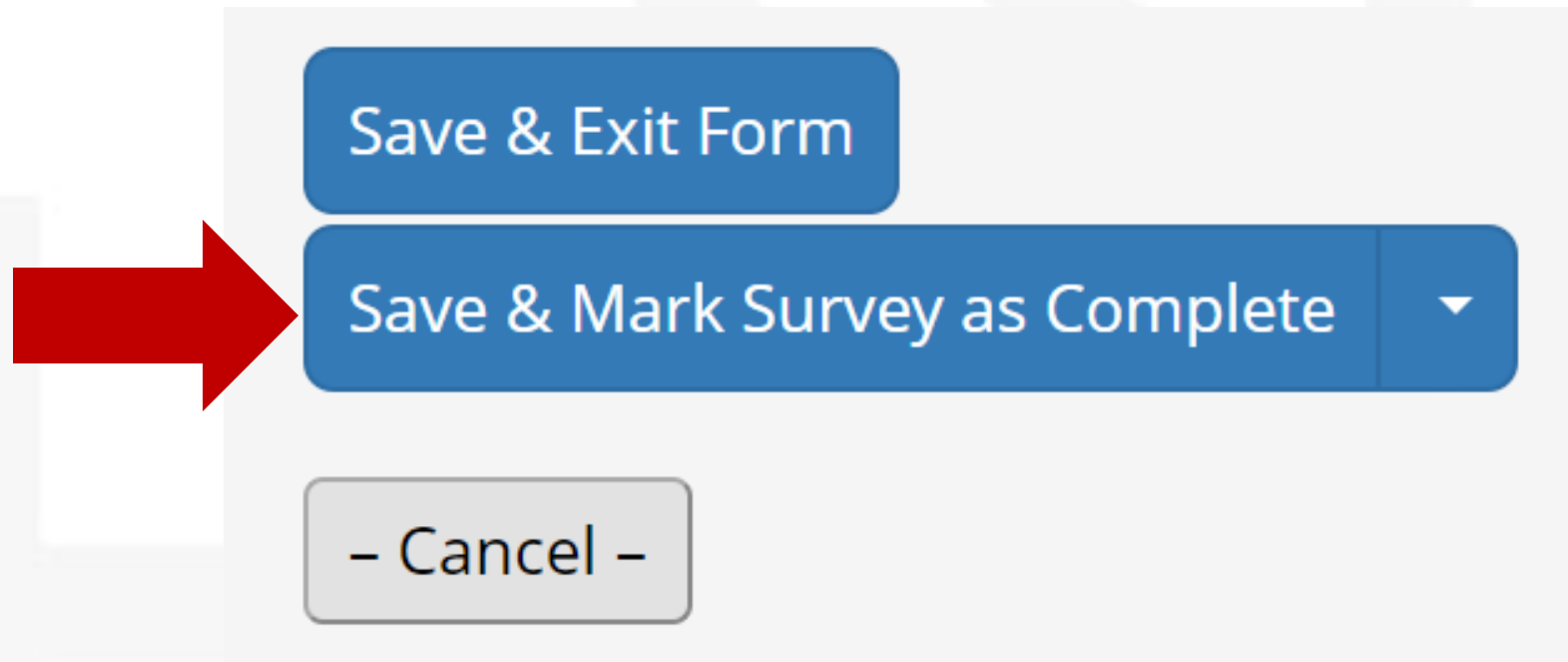
Application Process

- The online application with additional grant details can be found at: <https://mphfi.org/2024/07/31/infection-control-rfp/>
- Fill out the online application and upload supporting documents where requested.
- Each facility must have its own application and supporting documentation.

Important Application Information

- The application will indicate which fields are required.
- An application is not submitted **until you mark it as Complete.**
- Once you mark an application as Complete, you can not edit any of it further.

Marking a Survey Complete



Sample Question Types In Application

Does the project include HVAC components only?

Yes

No

5. Describe specific infection control improvements expected. (For example, how will the project enhance current processes or improve reducing infectious disease in the facility)

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Uploading Supporting Documents

Upload Supporting Documentation



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Upload Supporting Documentation

Select a file then click the 'Upload File' button

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Max file size: 100 MB

Grant Application Submission Receipt

- You will receive an automatic reply when you mark your submission as Complete.
- If you do not receive this reply, please check your spam filters and verify that you did mark the application complete.

Next Steps

Approval Overview

- Once your application is reviewed, MPHI may reach out to you for additional details.
- Once the application is approved, you will receive an approval email with more instructions.
- You may be put on a waiting list based on when your application was received.

Post-Approval

- All projects must be completed after January 1, 2025.
- All projects must be completed according to contractual requirements.
- A sample contract can be found on <https://mphl.org/2024/07/31/infection-control-rfp/>
- The contract will be signed via DocuSign.
 - An email will be sent via DocuSign to the Facility Signatory contact provided in the application.
 - The email should come from an address @docuSign.net.
 - The body of the email will indicate it is from MPHl.

Example DocuSign Email

DocuSign®



[Name] sent you a document to review and sign.

REVIEW DOCUMENT

[Name]

[@mphl.org](#)

Invoicing and Payment

- Invoices must be submitted according to the terms of the contract.
 - Facilities will need to document and submit their quote(s) and reason(s) for vendor selection to receive payment.
- Approved facilities will submit their invoices via an online form.
- MPHI will provide a link to this form in the approval email.
- MPHI will submit reimbursement via ACH or paper check after validation of proof of payment.

MPHI Procurement Policy Overview

- Proposals must follow procurement standards identified in the uniform guidance: 200.317-200.327.
- For **projects up to \$10,000**, only documentation of the selected quote must be uploaded.
 - This is due at the time of application.
- For **projects between \$10,000.01 and \$250,000**, the applicant must submit documentation of at least three vendor quotes and reasons for vendor selection.
 - Only one of these quotes is required at the time of application.

Procurement Policy (\$10,000.01 to \$250,000)

- For **projects between \$10,000.01 and \$250,000**, the applicant must submit documentation of at least three vendor quotes to receive payment.
 - A non-response from a vendor is considered a quote.
 - A non-selected quote can be as simple as an email from the vendor with their quoted number, or an email sent by the applicant that received no response.
 - A quote may also be a more formal written document from the vendor.
- The applicant must also provide their reasons for vendor selection at invoicing.
- The applicant may also provide this information at the time of application or via email if additional quotes are received after the application is completed.

Changes to Projects

- The facility must complete the project that was proposed if it wishes to seek reimbursement from the grant.
 - For example, the facility was approved to install three wheelchair sanitation washers and submits a reimbursement request for 3 UVC air scrubber towers. The reimbursement request would be denied since the air scrubber towers were not in the application that was approved.
- The facility **may** change vendors, contractors, or manufacturers to complete the approved project.

Amendment Exceptions

- Amendments may be approved if:
 - A site review is conducted by the Licensing and Regulatory Authority (LARA) and LARA deems that the project is not acceptable or is not possible.
 - An engineer or contractor deems that the project is not possible.
- The amendment must be a “like” project. For example, if the project is an HVAC improvement, the amendment must be an HVAC improvement.

Submitting an Amendment

- If an amendment is needed, contact MPHI at nursinghomeinfectioncontrol@mphi.org.
- MPHI will work with you on the process and requirements.

Reporting Requirements

- During the project, the facility must comply with contractual reporting requirements.
- Six months after the completion of the project, the facility must submit:
 - Infection control rates for the 6 months prior to the project implementation and the 6 months post-implementation.
 - A brief summary of the outcomes of the project.

Helpful Contacts

- Link to LARA: [Health Facilities Engineering Section \(michigan.gov\)](#) and [Fire Services \(michigan.gov\)](#)
- Contact for LARA: LARA-BCHS-HFES@michigan.gov
- UEI (unique entity identifier): The SAM website is <https://sam.gov/content/home>. The direct hyperlink for SAM.gov registration is <https://sam.gov/content/entity-registration>

Contact Information

- A variety of MPHI staff will be working with you on this project, but all questions about the application and grant can be directed to:
nursinghomeinfectioncontrol@mphi.org

Questions?

- Please put questions in the chat.
- If you would prefer, you may also send questions to: nursinghomeinfectioncontrol@mphi.org
- Answers will be posted at: <https://mphi.org/2024/07/31/infection-control-rfp/>

Thank You!