

Rural Health Clinic Funding Sources

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CMS announced several funding programs targeting healthcare and RHCs during the week ending April 24, 2020. It is rather difficult to keep up with the funds, grants, and opportunities, so I prepared a table to help me understand what is available and what RHCs can expect in the near future as far as government funding of the COVID-19 crisis.

Source	Title	Amount	Description	Link for More Information
HHS	Cares Provider Relief Fund General Allocation	\$20 Billion	Grant paid to RHCs with Medicare utilization via EFT. RHCs should have received an earlier distribution of \$30 billion on April 10 th or April 17 th . RHCs will need to access the linked portal to report their 2018 revenues.	https://covid19.linkhealth.com/docusign/#/step/1 This money was scheduled to be distributed on April 24 th and the coming weeks.
HHS	CARES - Allocation for Rural Providers	\$10 Billion	We do not have a lot of details about this money except it will be distributed the week of April 27 to May 2 nd to hospitals and RHCs	https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/04/22/hh s-announces-additional-allocations-of-cares-act- provider-relief-fund.html
HHS	Phase 3.5 RHC Grant Program	\$225 Million	This \$225 million grant exclusively to RHCs was approved on April 25, 2020. The average grant would be \$50,000 per RHC. No word on how or when this money will be distributed.	https://www.web.narhc.org/News/28323/225- Million-Grant-Program-Approved-for-Rural- Health-Clinics
SBA	Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Loan with Forgiveness	\$310 Billion	On April 25, 2020, Phase 3.5 of the Economic Stimulus bills passed funding an additional \$310 Billion dollars of PPP funding. If you missed this the first time, there is still a chance.	https://www.sba.gov/funding- programs/loans/coronavirus-relief- options/paycheck-protection-program The SBA will resume accepting Paycheck Protection applications on Monday April 27, 2020 at 10:30am EDT.