

# HCA provider relief fund

## Frequently asked question

### **Who will be able to apply for these funds?**

These funds are for behavioral health treatment agencies who are serving Medicaid and state-funded clients and who had experienced negative economic impacts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **How much funding is available?**

The Washington State Healthcare Authority, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) has a total of \$31 million available to help behavioral health treatment providers recover from their losses due to COVID-19.

### **Is there a maximum funding amount I can request?**

Your funding request should not be more than your losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, minus any relief funds received to date from local, state or national private or public resources.

### **What is the time-period for consideration of financial loss?**

An agency's period of financial loss for this application is from March 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, that you attributed to the COVID pandemic.

### **Do I apply for each behavioral health services type separately?**

Each agency can only submit one application for all the behavioral health treatment services provided within their agency.

### **How many times can I submit an application?**

Once per agency

### **Is a tribal behavioral health treatment provider eligible for this funding?**

Yes, if they provided behavioral health treatment services, they could apply.

### **Can I request funds if I have received any federal, state, or local government financial assistance to help address the COVID-related pandemic losses?**

Yes. Funding you may receive is a balance of your loss after receipt of any from local, state or national private or public resources.

### **Will you offer an appeal or dispute process?**

No, an appeal or dispute process will not be offered with this funding opportunity.

### **Will there be an opportunity for applicants to correct errors once they've submitted the application?**

There will not be an opportunity to make changes to your application. You may receive a notice of correction if your address or ProviderOne number does not match information in ProviderOne System.

### **What is the best way to calculate losses?**

One way is to calculate the Counterfactual Revenue over a 16-month period and compare that to actual revenues over the 16-month period of March 1, 2020 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to determine eligibility for the funds.

Please reference [the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund \(CSLFRF\) federal register](#), for an example on how to calculate losses.

Please be aware, for purposes of this application, financial losses are for the timeline of March 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, only.

### **Is the calculation above the only way to document COVID losses?**

You could use any method that works for your agency as long as you are able to back up your calculations and it is auditable.

### **Do I have to enter all grants and funds received if I have entered similar information through the Washington State Provider Portal?**

Yes, for this application each agency that applies must identify all (state and federal) relief funding received.

### **What is the difference between the HRSA Provider Portal and the Washington State Provider Portal?**

The [HRSA Provider Portal](#), through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is for healthcare providers to request for testing uninsured individuals for COVID-19, treating uninsured individuals with a COVID-19 diagnosis, and administering COVID-19 vaccines to uninsured individuals.

The [Washington State Provider Relief Fund Portal](#) through the Health Care Authority is for behavioral health providers to report any federal provider relief funds of more than \$10,000. Any funds allocated by the state do not need to be reported.

### **How will providers be notified of HCA's decision?**

Each eligible provider who submits an application may receive some or all relief funds requested.

### **How will HCA determine the funding amount each provider will receive?**

Determination of funding to receive is based on the balance of the Behavioral Health agency's total loss minus any funding received from the feds, state, and/or local government or private resources. However, if amount of funding requests surpasses the amount available, \$31 million, there will be an across-the-board percentage. If \$32 million is requested, all may get approximately 97% of their request. If \$100 Million requested, applicants may only receive 33% of their request.

### **What types of expenses are eligible with these funds?**

These Fiscal Recovery Funds should be used to meet BH providers needs exacerbated by the pandemic and to respond to other public health impacts, including services for Mental Health (MH), Substance

Use Disorder (SUD), hotlines or warmlines, crisis intervention, overdose prevention.

### **What are unallowable expenses with these Relief Funds?**

In conformance with 2CFR200 and the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CSFRF) funds cannot be used:

- as non-federal match for other federal programs,
- for general infrastructure that is not as a result of the pandemic,
- contributions to a rainy-day fund, financial reserve, or similar source,
- payment of interest on outstanding debt, or an
- obligation arising under a settle agreement,

### **How long do I have to spend these funds?**

Funds must be used by December 31, 2024.

### **How will I know I am getting relief funds?**


You will receive an electronic payment through HCA's ProviderOne payment system. The payment will appear on your remittance advice with adjustment reason code: **70 – Cost outlier – Adjustment to compensate for additional costs.**

### **Are there other documents that should be submitted along with the application?**

Yes, provide a computation sheet from your accounting system showing the amounts claimed in your application for the period specified in the application.

### **What are all the requirements that I am attesting to?**

- Information in this application is true, accurate, and complete to the best of your knowledge and you are authorized to make such attestation on behalf of the Behavioral Health Provider (BHP).
- The lost revenue or expenses are not funded by any other government or private entity.

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- Acknowledge that any deliberate omission, misrepresentation, or falsification of information in this application or records relating to it, may be punishable by criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. I further attest to the terms and conditions on behalf of the BHP, including those incorporated by reference and agree on behalf of the BHP to be bound to the same.
  - Acknowledgment that the Authority will use information in this application to form the decision to disburse funds to the Behavioral Health Provider, and the application is a public record as defined by RCW [42.56.010](#)(3) and the Authority may disclose records in accordance with the requirements under Chapter [42.56](#) RCW, Public Records Act.
  - That you have read and understand assistance listing number (formerly known as CFDA number) 21.027 incorporated by reference into the terms and conditions of this application and agree to bound by the same.
  - The provisions of the Uniform Guidance (2 CFR Part 200) apply to funds received by the BHP as a result of this application, including the Cost Principles and Single Audit Act requirements. I certify the BHP has reviewed the Uniform Guidance requirements applicable
  - The BHP will maintain appropriate records and cost documentation including, as applicable, documentation described in 45 CFR 75.302 Financial Management and 45 CFR 75.361 through 75.365 – Record Retention and Access, and other information required by future instructions from the Authority to substantiate information in this application. I attest the BHP will promptly submit copies of such records and cost documentation upon request of federal and state officials, and the BHP agrees to fully cooperate in all audits conducted by federal

and state officials to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the application.