

Rural Provider Access & Affordability Advisory Committee

11.4.22 Meeting



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Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approve Minutes from 10.21 Meeting
- Final Reviews/Vote
 - Eligibility Criteria Questions
 - Scorecard
 - Overarching Recommendations
- Review Reporting Requirements
- Public Comment
- Next Steps



Eligibility Criteria: Grant Type

- Please select the type of grant project(s) you are proposing and provide an executive summary of the proposal, sharing a concise overview of the problem you are trying to solve and your solution. Note that SB22-200 includes limited funds in two primary categories, affordability and access.
- Examples of grant project categories from the legislation are outlined below (this is not an exhaustive list). These categories and related project types align with the advisory committee's recommended overarching grant buckets (infrastructure including construction, equipment, technology, and programs to expand access).



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SB22-200 Project Categories

Access	Affordability
New or replacement hospital beds	Shared analytics/care coordination platforms
Expand sites for specialty care (chemotherapy, imaging, BH care)	Telehealth/e-consult enabling technologies
Remote monitoring systems	Other (please note the type of project)
Extended hours including primary care and behavioral health	
Dual track ED management	
Telemedicine	
Long-term care and recovery care in skilled nursing facilities	
Other (please note the type of project)	



Eligibility Criteria: Budget

- All grant applicants are eligible to apply for up to \$650,000 dollars for their proposal. Applications should include a budget, but a sophisticated budget is not required (this item will not be weighted, only scored “met” or “not met”).
 - Note: If a project’s total budget exceeds the grant award the grantee is responsible for the remaining funding needs.
- Please provide your budget proposal including:
 - Total funds requested
 - A budget narrative providing an overview of the funds requested
 - As appropriate please provide budget details for the following:
 - Direct expenses: Salaries/wages, fringe benefits, equipment, travel, materials/supplies, construction, consultants/contracts
 - Indirect expenses. Federal funding allows for a Negotiated Indirect Costs Rate Agreement rate (NICRA) or de minimis rate of 10 percent.
 - Other (please outline).
 - Note: funds may not be used to service debt, satisfy a judgment or settlement, or contribute to a “rainy day” fund.
 - For construction and equipment, the applicant should provide any corresponding quotes to demonstrate costs.
 - Is your organization leveraging other income or grants to complete this project? Yes or No
 - This item will not impact budget scoring but simply helps to inform the review committee of overall resources needed to fulfill your project.
 - If yes, explain what other resources will support your project.



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Eligibility Criteria: Budget

[Example categories shown below. Applicant should include applicable categories for the project and add lines as needed.]

	Amount	Itemizations/Notes/Assumptions
Direct Expenses (Itemize)		
Personnel		
<i>Salaries/wages (titles and % of time)</i>		
<i>Benefits (titles and % of time)</i>		
<i>Payroll taxes</i>		
Equipment (identify and itemize)		
Material/Supplies (identify and itemize)		
Construction (identify and itemize)		
Consultants/Contracts		
Indirect Expenses		
<i>Negotiated Indirect Costs Rate Agreement rate (NICRA) or de minimis rate of 10 percent.</i>		
Total Project Cost		
Other funding, if applicable		
Total SB 22-200 Funding Requested		



Eligibility Criteria: Timeline, DEI

- Projected Timeline - Please provide the project start date and anticipated completion date. Note, all ARPA funds must be spent by grantees by December 31, 2026. HCPF anticipates lump sum disbursements by July 2023.
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - DEI policies promote equity and accessibility of all services, increase equal opportunity for services, and improved relations among all persons regardless of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage/civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
 - Does the hospital have a DEI strategy? If yes, please describe it.
 - How are diverse community needs met by this project?



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Eligibility Criteria: Age of plant/equipment, financial health

Age of plant/equipment (for capital investment projects only)

- What are you seeking to replace/upgrade and why?
 - Include information on the current age of the plant or equipment you are seeking to upgrade or replace and details on the estimated remaining life for that plant/equipment.
- Explain how the age of the facility or equipment you seek to replace is impacting care access and how the upgrades will improve access.
- For a plant upgrade, are there more recent plant updates at the facility? If yes, provide details regarding these upgrades (type and age).
- Describe the accounting methodology used to determine the age of plant.

Financial health

- Legislative intent focuses on facilities with lower patient revenues or fund balance “as determined by rule”, allowing for some flexibility in interpretation.
 - Financial health will be assessed using HCPF 3 -year average patient revenue and reserves balance data.
 - Should a hospital not meet the NPR/fund balance score, the entity is invited to provide additional financial information to support their financial need.



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Medicare and Medicaid Caseload

- % population on Medicaid or Medicare
 - 67% and above = 5 points
 - 54-66% = 4 points
 - 47-53% = 3 points
 - 31-45% = 2 points
 - 30% and below = 1 point

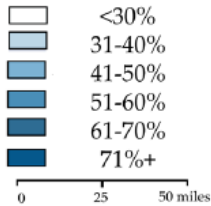
- Source: *Snapshot of Rural Health in Colorado 2022*, Colorado Rural Health Center



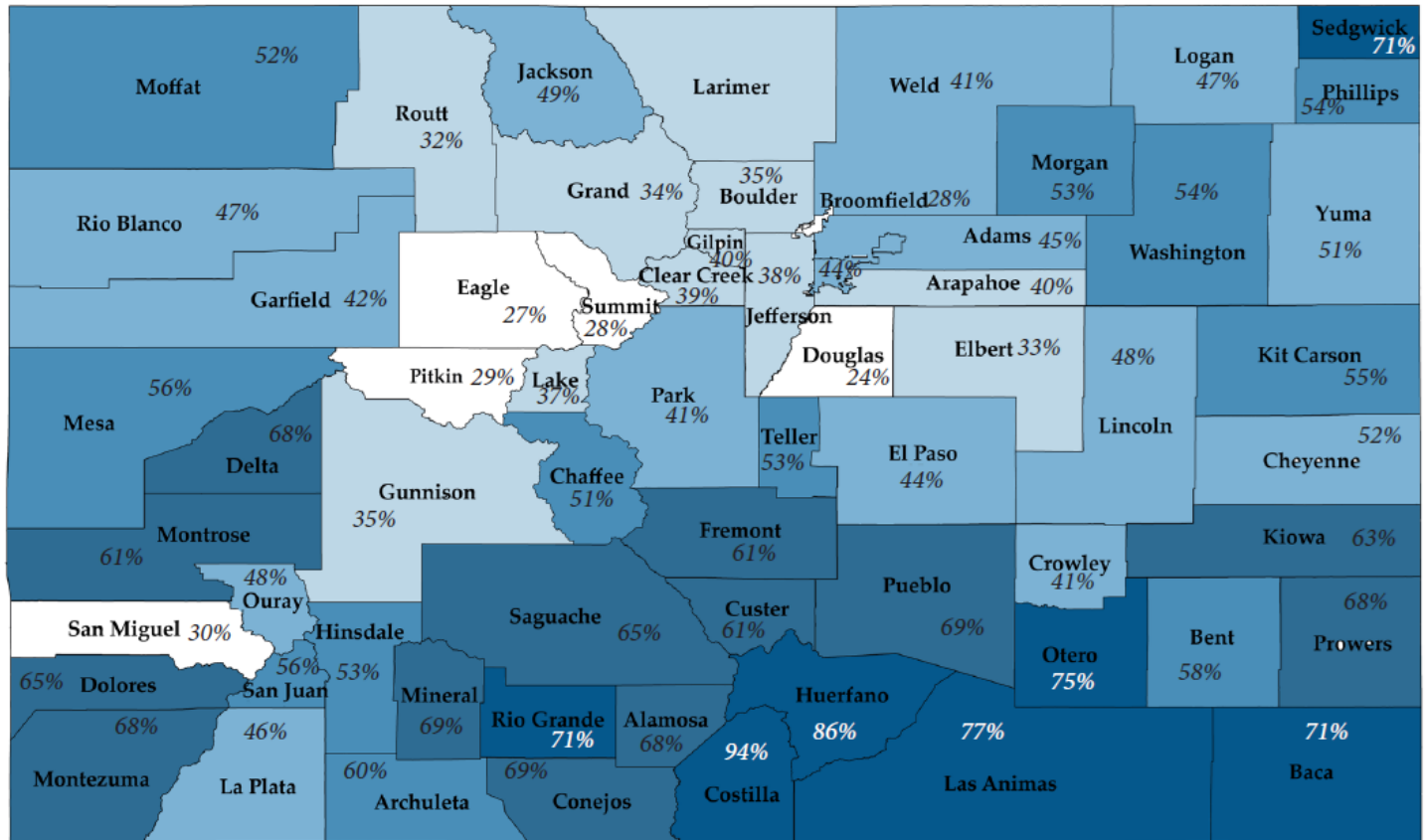


Medicaid and Medicare Caseload

% of Population on Medicaid or Medicare



Data Source Information:
 Site addresses were collected and geocoded by the State Office of Rural Health.



Impact to Affordability & Access

- Statement of Need. The needs statement outlines the underlying problem your application is addressing. This is sometimes referred to as the problem statement.
 - Please describe the need in the community that your proposal seeks to address, clarifying the problem in terms of resources and/or capacity challenges.
 - Why is addressing this problem important to your organization and to the community?
 - If specific populations are supported by this proposal, please indicate what populations this will help/improve access for.
 - What is the expected change that you anticipate due to the project? How will the community be impacted?
- Sustainability. This refers to how the project's goals/objectives will be sustained beyond the life of the grant.
 - How does this proposal support the community in the long term (defined at a minimum of 5 years)? If a different timeline is needed, please provide details regarding that timeline and why it should be acceptable (i.e.; if a different depreciation schedule or expected life).
 - Once the funds are exhausted, what is the sustainability plan to maintain the project's impact to access/affordability?
 - How does this proposal align with other community goals and support sustainability for achieving those goals?
 - Will this project require additional phases or ongoing financial support to fully meet community needs? If yes, please provide details including how you intend to meet these needs (this may include information regarding ongoing maintenance costs, service agreements, etc.).



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Impact to Affordability & Access

- Access to specialty care - Does the proposal increase access to specialty care? If yes, what specialty care is enhanced and how?
- Improving care coordination
 - Does the proposal improve care coordination? If yes, how?
 - Please name the organizations you will collaborate with to support improved care coordination and how.
 - Describe how your project's framework will help to ensure the community has access to care locally.
- Partner engagement - If applicable, what partners are engaged in/supporting this proposal? And please name your partners in the response with information regarding the role you expect them to play in the project.



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Scorecard

Budget/Financials/Engagement			Met/Not Met	Basis for Score (include examples)
Budget (minimum \$100,000 /maximum \$650,000)			Met	
Hospital financial position (patient revenue and fund balance/reserves, age of plant for capital projects)			Met	
Partner engagement/support/collaboration			N/A	
Quality of Application	Score (1-5)	Weight	Weighted Score	Basis for Score (include examples)
Completeness of response	5	0.10	0.50	
Ability to execute and complete project	5	0.25	1.25	
Reasonableness of timeline	5	0.20	1.00	
Diversity, Equity, Inclusion	5	0.10	0.50	
Impact to Affordability and Access	Score (1-5)	Weight	Weighted Score	Basis for Score (include examples)
County Medicaid/Medicare Casemix	5	0.10	0.50	
Statement of need	5	0.10	0.50	
Sustainability of project	5	0.40	2.00	
Impact to Affordability and/or Access	5	0.75	3.75	
Total Score			10.00	
Overall reviewer comments:				



Overarching Recommendations

- Use drop down lists where possible to simplify application
- Provide precise questions to set applicants up for success
- Include examples (i.e.; budget worksheet)
- Word character limits for narrative responses



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Reporting Requirements

- Federal Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) reporting requirements and state grant agreement
- Quarterly 10 days following end of each quarter
- Brief narrative and
- Office of the State Controller Subrecipient Quarterly Report Workbook (HCPF staff support)
 - ✓ Disaggregated Geographic and Demographic Information
 - ✓ Brief description of relation and reasonable and proportional to a public health or negative economic impact of COVID-19
 - ✓ Does this project include a capital expenditure? If so, type, justification and labor reporting
 - ✓ Identify the amount of total funds allocated to evidence-based interventions & if a program evaluation is being conducted
 - ✓ What Impacted and/or Disproportionally Impacted population does this project primarily serve?
 - ✓ If there is a second Impacted and/or Disproportionally Impacted population that this project serves, select it here.



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Public Comment?



Next Steps

- Draft rule publishing and Advisory Committee review
- Public rule review meeting
- Medical Services board first rule hearing, final rule hearing



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Thank you!

