



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

September 3, 2020, 4:30 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting Room

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9. CALL TO THE PUBLIC
10. ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION

NO: 2020-09-209

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: September 3, 2020

Resolution Authorizing Livingston County Departments to Apply for the Michigan Personal Protective Equipment Grant - EMS

WHEREAS, Livingston County has a need for Personal Protective Equipment; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County has experienced a significant increase in the use of personal protective equipment as a result of the COVID pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has made available a portion of the Federal CARES act funding in a grant to ensure frontline providers have access to adequate Personal Protective Equipment; and

WHEREAS, The EMS Department wishes to submit an application for this grant which may provide up to \$2,500.00 per FTE for a maximum award not to exceed \$250,000 for the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize Livingston County departments to apply for, and if awarded, accept the Michigan Personal Protective Equipment Grant program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all forms, assurances, contracts/agreements, renewals and future amendments for monetary and contract language adjustments related to the above upon review and/or preparation of Civil Counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes any budget amendment to effectuate the above.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 28, 2020

For more information contact: [Bob Wheaton](#), 517-241-2112

MDHHS Announces \$25 million for Personal Protective Equipment to Keep Frontline Workers and Patients Safe from COVID-19

LANSING, MICH. A \$25 million grant program for personal protective equipment (PPE) will allow medical facilities and other providers to keep their staff and patients safe, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) announced.

The grant will assist facilities facing increased costs for PPE as they provide critical services to Michiganders during the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant program is funded through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

“Our frontline workers put their lives on the line every day to save lives and protect us from COVID-19, and it’s crucial that we continue to ensure their access to personal protective equipment,” said **Governor Whitmer**. “This grant program will put CARES Act dollars to use and help us protect our brave frontline workers, their patients, and their families from the spread of this virus. This is a good start, but we still need the president, Mitch McConnell, and the U.S. Senate to do the right thing and pass a bipartisan relief package that provides support for our families, frontline workers, and small businesses.”

The Michigan PPE Grant Program provides funds to eligible Michigan health and human services providers to cover costs for up to 90 days of PPE for frontline employees. Eligible facilities include long-term care facilities, dialysis centers, outpatient medical facilities, home health care providers, dental offices, pharmacies, EMS providers, funeral and mortuary services, long-term acute care hospitals, and residential congregate facilities. A full list of eligible provider types and qualifying purchases can be found [in the program Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Grant awards of up to \$250,000 will be made based on the number of client-facing workers at each facility.

“Michigan’s providers are on the front lines every day, delivering essential health care services and caring for our loved ones,” said MDHHS Director **Robert Gordon**. “This grant program helps ease the financial burden of buying PPE, ensuring all facilities can afford the supplies they need to keep themselves and their patients safe.”

Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, Sept. 8. The application is available on the [Michigan PPE Grant Program webpage](#).

Michigan Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the PPE Grant Program?

This program allows eligible Michigan health and human services providers to receive grants to cover costs for up to 90 days of PPE for frontline employees. It is funded through a \$25 million allocation from the federal CARES Act. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services created the grant to help mitigate the financial impact on health and human services providers impacted by COVID-19, and is administered by the Michigan Public Health Institute.

Who are the eligible applicants?

This grant program is open to the following categories of providers, as defined in PA 123 of 2020:

- Long-term care facilities, including nursing facilities, adult foster care, Homes for the Aged, and assisted living facilities
- Dialysis facilities
- Outpatient facilities collecting diagnostic respiratory specimens
- Dental facilities
- Other outpatient facilities, including primary care, urgent care, specialty clinics, and any other clinician who is not attached to a hospital
- Home health care, including home care provider agencies
- Long-term acute care hospitals
- Emergency medical service providers
- Pharmacies
- Funeral directors and mortuary services
- Residential congregate facilities, including Child Caring Institutions and Supervised Independent Living

All firms must be located in Michigan. Firms headquartered or with operations outside Michigan may apply, but only for employees associated with facilities located in Michigan.

How are the awards calculated?

Award amount is set by a formula per patient/client-facing FTE, adjusted for the typical amount and type of PPE needed in that setting.

- Group 1 facilities receive \$1,000 per frontline FTE
- Group 2 facilities receive \$2,500 per frontline FTE

These amounts are based on expected PPE costs for 90 days per frontline FTE. Total award amounts are capped at \$250,000 per firm.

What employees should be included within frontline and total FTEs?

Total and frontline FTEs may include independent contractors as well as employees. However, independent contractors should only be included in the count if the organization provides PPE for them;

it should not include independent contractors that provide their own PPE. The number of frontline FTEs should include only employees and independent contractors required to wear full PPE provided by the organization to conduct close-contact, client-facing job functions. This number would not include employees such as receptionists who may wear a face mask to speak with members of the public, but are not in close contact with them.

What are Group 1 and Group 2 facilities?

Facilities are grouped together into categories based on the on typical acuity and number of clients or patients served, which affects the total amount of PPE needed daily, and the type of PPE needed (for example, whether N95 masks or surgical masks are used, and if gowns are required).

Group 1 settings:

- Dialysis facilities
- Other outpatient facilities
- Pharmacies
- Funeral directors and mortuary services
- Residential congregate facilities
- Child Caring Institutions
- Supervised Independent Living

Group 2 settings:

- Long-term care facilities
- Outpatient facilities collecting diagnostic respiratory specimens
- Dental facilities
- Home health care
- Long-term acute care hospitals
- Emergency medical service providers

Are payments made as a cash advance or a reimbursement?

Payments are made as a reimbursement to firms receiving awards, based on actual PPE purchasing costs incurred up to the award amount.

What is an eligible purchase?

Purchase must be for PPE to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Eligible products include: surgical masks, filtering facepiece respirators, gloves, gowns, and eye protection. Supplies do not need to be FDA-approved, as medical grade supplies are not mandatory in all scenarios. However, homemade PPE is not covered, and funds may not be used to purchase cleaning supplies or uniforms.

What time period must PPE have been purchased within?

PPE must have been purchased on or after March 1, 2020, and delivered before December 30, 2020. Proof of purchase and delivery will be required.

When is the application period?

The application period will be open until Tuesday, Sept. 8. Awardees will be notified by September 21.

Where do I go to apply?

Applications are available through the following online portal: https://is.gd/COVID_PPEApplication

Michigan Personal Protective Equipment Grant Program



To assist health and human services providers impacted by COVID-19, the State of Michigan has allocated \$25 million of CARES Act funding to implement the Michigan Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Grant Program. Michigan providers may apply for grants to cover the cost of up to 90 days of PPE for frontline employees.

This Grant program is open to the following categories of providers, as defined in PA 123 of 2020:

- Long-term care facilities, including nursing facilities, Adult Foster Care, Homes for the Aged, and assisted living facilities.
- Dialysis facilities.
- Outpatient facilities collecting diagnostic respiratory specimens.
- Dental facilities.
- Other outpatient facilities, including primary care, urgent care, specialty clinics, and any other clinician who is not attached to a hospital.
- Home health care, including home care provider agencies.
- Long-term acute care hospitals.
- Emergency medical service providers.
- Pharmacies.
- Funeral directors and mortuary services.
- Residential congregate facilities, including Child Caring Institutions and Supervised Independent Living.

All firms must be located in Michigan. Firms headquartered or with operations outside Michigan may apply, but only for employees associated with facilities located in Michigan.

Grant funds may be used to reimburse purchases from medical suppliers of the following eligible products: surgical masks, filtering facepiece respirators, gloves, gowns, and eye protection. Grants funds awarded through the Michigan PPE Grant Program must be used for expenditures incurred by the Eligible Applicant between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020. Award amount is set by a formula per patient/client-facing FTE, adjusted for the typical amount and type of PPE needed in that setting. Group 1 facilities receive \$1,000 per frontline FTE, and Group 2 facilities receive \$2,500 per frontline FTE. These amounts are based on expected PPE cost for 90 days per frontline FTE. Total award amounts are capped at \$250,000 per firm.

Facilities are placed into a group based on average volume of patients/clients seen per day and type of PPE typically needed (e.g., N95 masks vs surgical masks).

- Group 1: Dialysis facilities, other outpatient facilities, pharmacies, funeral directors and mortuary services, residential congregate facilities, Child Caring Institutions, Supervised Independent Living.
- Group 2: Long term care facilities, outpatient facilities collecting diagnostic respiratory specimens, dental facilities, home health care, long-term acute care hospitals, emergency medical service providers.

Applicants will be required to submit proof of purchase and proof of delivery showing actual expenses incurred prior to receiving reimbursement.

Additional information about the grant and frequently asked questions are available below.

Thank you!

Attachment:  [Frequently Asked Questions.docx](#) (0.03 MB)

What is the applicant business' legal name?

* must provide value

What is the applicant's doing business as (DBA) or Trade Name? (if applicable)

What is the applicant's Employer Identification Number (EIN)?

What is the business owner's name? For non-profits, enter the name of the CEO.

What is the business owner's email address? For non-profits enter CEO email.

What is the business owner's direct phone number? For non-profits, enter the CEO's direct phone number.

Does the applicant organization have multiple locations?

What is the organization's physical address?

Please only include street number and name, as well as any suite or unit number.

What is the organization's physical address CITY?

What is the organization's physical address COUNTY?

What is the organization's physical address STATE?

What is the organization's physical address ZIP CODE?

Is your billing address different from the physical address listed above?

How many full time equivalent (FTE) employees, including independent contractors, does the organization have as of August 1st, 2020?

Please only enter a number

Note: This number should ONLY INCLUDE independent contractors that the organization provides PPE for and NOT independent contractors that provide their own PPE.

How many full time equivalent (FTE) frontline/client-facing employees and independent contractors, does the organization have as of August 1st, 2020?


Please only enter a number

Note: This number should include only employees and independent contractors required to wear full PPE provided by the organization, in order to conduct close contact, client-facing job functions. This number would not include employees such as receptionists who may wear a face mask to speak with members of the public but are not in close contact with them.

Is this business for-profit or non-profit?

What kind of provider is this organization?

Please download and review the Terms and Conditions document which is available through the link below. After reading you will be asked to acknowledge consent of the terms and conditions therein.

Attachment:  [PPE Terms and Conditions.pdf](#) (0.06 MB)

Provide your signature to indicate you have read and accept the Terms and Conditions.

 [Add signature](#)

By checking the boxes, I acknowledge and agree to the terms and conditions listed below.

- ☐ Use of funds in approved manner
- ☐ Timeline for incurring expenses and submitting paperwork
- ☐ Submission of required forms
- ☐ Certification that the number of employees and frontline employees is accurate, that all operations included in the application are facilities located in the state of Michigan

Submit

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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
Fr: David Feldpausch, EMS Director
Date: 09/01/2020
Re: Resolution to apply for the Michigan Personal Protective Equipment Grant

I received notice of this grant opportunity on the day it was released August 28th 2020. It is a \$25 million program to provide PPE for front line workers. This grant program is intended to help reduce the financial burden of purchasing PPE and ensuring that we have the resources to keep our employees safe.

The application is attached and a very simple 17 question fill in the blank form and the grant has no matching requirements. EMS falls in to category 2 so if successful our award would be calculated at \$2,500 per FTE. With 65 Front line FTEs we should be eligible for \$162,500.00

Reading the grant FAQ's I believe we should make a second application for the MEI's but I have that question in to the State grant contact now. The MEI's would be in category 2 and eligible for up to \$1,000 per FTE. I have updated the resolution so that it is not specific to EMS in case we need to submit more than one application.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.