



Eastern Iowa Mental Health and Disability
Services Region

Lori Elam, Region CEO

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Greetings:

The Eastern Iowa (EI) Region is notifying you of a 3rd round of RFPs to apply for CARES funds. The RFPs will be due by 4:30pm on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. All providers are again encouraged to apply for funds. First and second round recipients are welcome to re-apply for additional funds.

The Eastern Iowa Region received \$2,859,080 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) under the CARES Act in August 2020. The Region is making-the CARES Act funds available to a variety of providers through a non-competitive request for proposal process known as an RFP. The funds are intended to be used to assist with expenses incurred by providers due to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to continue to provide services to individuals with disabilities.

Funds awarded will be on a reimbursement basis upon receipt of required documentation. They cannot be used for items that have been accounted for in the Regional FY20 or FY21 budget or are covered or billable to other funders.

While there has not been a lot of direction from the State on what expenses are appropriate, below is a listing of ideas for possible uses noting this is not all inclusive:

1. Purchase of cleaning/sanitizing equipment and/or supplies
2. Floor Decals, Signs, PPEs, thermometers
3. Technology- laptops up to \$1,500, band width, tablets, cell phones -any "annual" expenses, such as data fees, associated with technology must be prorated for the time frame March 1, 2020 to December 30, 2020
4. Advertisements/Marketing for services/Recruitment of Staff for staff loss due to COVID
5. Training opportunities
6. Cover the costs of staff time (extra staff working in addition to the regularly scheduled staff, paid at their regular rate of pay) to take care of individuals who are COVID positive and/or helping individuals who are having increased anxiety or depression due to COVID.

The application must be submitted no later than Wednesday, October 28, 2020 by 4:30 pm and should be directed to: lori.elam@scottcountyiowa.gov.

It is important to note the funds must be spent and all receipts MUST be returned by Monday, December 7, 2020 in order to allow time to process the expenditures and return any unused money to the State by Sunday, January 3, 2021. The application and related information may be found on the EI Region's website: <https://easterniowamhds.org>

If you have any questions, you can email me at lori.elam@scottcountyiowa.gov.

Sincerely,

Lori A. Elam, CEO Eastern Iowa MHDS Region