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RHC Covid Initiatives

Bill Finerfrock

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In addition, I want to note that, if you'd like to see the slides, those are available under the Handouts section, and you can download the slides we'll be using for today's presentation. Next slide, please.

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At this point, I'd like to turn the program over to our moderator, Shannon Chambers. Shannon?

Shannon Chambers

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Thank you, Bill. Hi, my name is Shannon Chambers. I am the Director of Provider Solutions for the South Carolina Office of Rural Health.

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In addition, I serve as the treasurer and secretary for the National Association of Rural Health Clinics, Board of Directors.

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Today, we have with us Bill, who is the co-founder and executive director of the National Association of Rural Health Clinics, Bill has worked in and with US congress for about 40 years.

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In addition to all the great work that he does with the National Association of Rural Health Clinics, he is the Owner of Capital Associates.

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And, if y'all don't know, he actually runs a thing called Movement is Life podcast. You'd have a chance, go check it out.

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In addition, we have Nathan Baugh with us. Nathan is the Director of Government Relations for the National Association of Rural Health Clinics.

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Nathan works on behalf of rural health clinics across the country from regulatory issues to RHC compliance issues.

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And a little side note about Nathan, he also likes to coach recreational basketball.

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With that, I'm going to turn the presentation.

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I'm gonna Nathan next slide. We're going to tell you a little bit about what we're going to do today.

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So, very exciting news, on May fourth, the Biden Administration announced a series of RHC specifics.

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There are three main things that represent us as rural health clinics.

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Alright, seas are going to have direct access to Covid 19 vaccines from the federal stockpile.

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Every Certified Rural Health clinic will receive up to \$100,000, which can be used for covid testing and covid mitigation activities.

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This is in addition to the already 49,461 dollars and 42% that you received last year, or, if you are one of our newer rural health clinics, you may have received that payment in 20 21, and last, but not least, RHCS will have exclusive access to \$100 million in federal grants.

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Today's presentation is going to talk you through all the things that you need to know, and if you if you're interested, you can download the individual White House briefing information and the HRSA information. I will tell you, watching, the press release was the first time I've heard rural health clinics be addressed.

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Live Was very, very excited, and with that, I'm going to turn the presentation over to Bill.

Nathan Baugh

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Thank the President, right, Shannon?

Shannon Chambers

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Correct. Yes, sir.

Nathan Baugh

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President of the United States says the words rural health clinic and in a row and meant the rural health clinic program, he saw it was exciting.

Bill Finerfrock

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So, first off, we're going to talk to you about a new initiative grant program that Shannon referenced. It is called the RHC Vaccine Confidence, alright CVC Program.

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And this is the first Federal Grant Program that has been established exclusively for federally certified rural health clinics or other grant programs that RIT could apply for, but you are competing with Critical Access hospitals, other hospitals, other providers.

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This program is exclusively for rural health clinics. And, as was mentioned, there's \$100 million has been set aside for this grant program.

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And for, for the purpose of obtaining a vaccine confidence grant, now you will have to apply for this grant, unlike the other initiatives that we'll talk about a little bit later. This does require you to apply, and there are things that you will need to do in order to get ready to be able to apply. And I will tell you that the portal, to accept applications for this grant program, will, we believe, open very, very soon. And the portal will only be open for a limited period of time, So it's important that you begin this process really almost, as soon as we're done, for some of these

things you need to do. But the purpose of this is to increase vaccine confidence not just covid vaccine.

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I wanna point out, but all vaccines not And and so covid, so Flu, pneumococcal, et cetera. This is a confidence that program for vaccines, not just a covid.

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All eligible RHCS.

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We'll have to complete and submit an acceptable application.

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You, by virtue of being a Certified rural health clinic, you are eligible, But you have to start doing things, as I said, in preparation, for that.

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If you do have questions, the Government has established a an e-mail address. There, you can submit your questions to, as you see on your screen, RHC, VACS confidence at HRSA dot gov. Next slide.

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So, any Medicare certified rural health clinic and organizations that own and operate Medicare certified RHCS are eligible to submit an application for this grant.

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And, quite frankly, we anticipate that virtually all of the grant applications will be able to be funded. In order to be considered a Medicare certified rural health clinic, you must have active seat as CCN.

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And be listed in the CMS Survey and Certification Quality Certification and Oversight Report, what's known as Q Corps.

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Now, there may be some additional requirements relative to reporting the ... testing. On our RHC, cov it tests, it should be testing dot com. That will come come later in this process.

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To verify, you can go to the Q core website and see if you are listed there and the link is there CMS quality or Google that And you just go through the steps look for RHCS and go to that portion.

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In addition, HRSA will be posting application information on their website and once that is up, we will be distributing that as well.

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HRSA will fund or intends to fund all eligible RIT applicants for this program. Next slide.

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It will be an online process and this, as I said, is going to open soon and we anticipate it will be open for three weeks in order to allow you to have time to submit your application. But again, there are steps you need to take before you can even submit the application that we're going to go over today. Next slide.

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First, you're going to need to before you can apply for a grant, you need to get what is referred to as a duns number and that is by the tin organization. So, tin is your tax ID number. As an employer it would be more commonly referred to as your E I N. So each of your RHCS is going to have an employer identification number.

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That is either going to be unique to your RHC, but if you are part of a provider based organization in all likelihood you use the EIN of the parent organization.

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So, you would need to have an EIN, which you do, but you have to get a duns number.

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And then you will also need to register in what is called the sam System or System of Award Management. And you're going to need to create an account and that is the process through which the money will be transferred from the government to your RHC.

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And, again, it is by the tin organization. So, if you're an independent RHC, independently owned, you use your EIN.

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If you're part of a larger organization and you use the the EIN of the parent organization, that is the tin that you will use for this.

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Now, the sam sam registration we're told could be delayed, and that you wouldn't necessarily have to have it prior to beginning the application process. However, you will need to register before any funds can be distributed. So, you need to do that soon.

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But, most importantly, we want you to get your duns number and highly encourage you to register in sam, and we're going to walk you through that process. Next slide.

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So, first, you want to check to see. Also, if your tin organization has a duns number, if you're part of a hospital system, does the hospital have a duns number?

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Or, if individually as an RHC, do you have a duns number associated with your individual clinic?

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Most of you probably do not.

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And we're going to show you how to do that. Next slide.

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So, there are, here are some places you want to go. So, dun's stands for Data Universal Number.

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And there's the web link there in order to go through the process we're going to show you is where you go there for the System for Award Management. This is to allow electronic transfer funds. That's gonna go through this sam process and there's a link there. And then, finally, this is the general application for the ... for All Grant Programs. Where are the RHC program will be listed. But, again, we will once it is up, we will share with you the the specific link for the RHC Program.

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So, how do you get a duns number? again? Here's the website that you'll go to.

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So the first thing, when you go there, you this is the page you should see and you'll see there. It says click here to request your duns Number via the Web.

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You'll want to click on that page and as it notes, it can be created in a day. This isn't a long process.

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That will take you to Here, you'll see the first drop-down menu where it's, you're in the United States of America.

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If you want to click there, then next, you will need to enter the business name that is associated with the Tax ID number, the street, city, and state address, phone number, and then this is a screenshot.

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So you will get some type of a number alpha numeric in there to show that there is a real person, your verification code. You enter that verification code when all of your information is there, you then click on Submit.

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Once you do that, it'll take you to this page where you will be asked to identify the information you're going to need in order to be able to successfully complete your duns application.

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So, again, just as a reminder. You want to make sure you have the correct legal business name and the current physical address associated with that correct legal business name, in order to get your duns. Then, here are the examples of the types of documents that you can submit.

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And you'll need to be able to do this electronically and we'll show you that a little bit later, but Articles of Incorporation, your Tax ID number, the letter that you got on that, your EIN, your employer, ID number, that's the one you'll probably most want to use.

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If you have a DBA or does business as name a lease agreement on your building showing the name, a utility bill? But you're going to need two forms of identification to verify that you are, this business is who you say it is, And so next slide.

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So when you go to this page, you're going to want to click on Federal Government Contractors or Grantee Dun's duns number support. Next slide, you'll click on that and it'll take you here.

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So now what you want to do is you want to create a new Dyn duns number. So you're going to click on that box.

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So, here. Sorry, You are within the United States, and so you're going to click for entities within the United States. You'll click on that box.

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Next slide. Again, to create the number, next slide, you're going to need Some of these are examples of the articles that you need.

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And then, here is where you will now enter in the e-mail address your e-mail, so that they can contact you if they need additional information. And then, if you want to, you can click on, remember, this e-mail for future visits.

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Then, you'll click on Next, and here, you will enter in your contact information, and it's pretty obvious you fill out those there, you hit submit.

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You'll now be asked for the company name, DBA Trade Style, that's optional, you don't need to do that.

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Your phone number, again, your business, physical address, this is, you know, you're not using PO, boxes or any other, you need to have a physical address that there's a unit number business, the city in which you're located, the business is located, the state, the zip code, and the country, of course, is United States.

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Nathan Baugh

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OK, emphasize something.

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I'm actually going to go back on the slides real quick, but, So when you get to this step, when it says please, when you're submitting a case, please select a choice below.

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It's really important that you pick this Federal Government contractors, or grantees, duns number, support, uh, option because that the, the duns number for some of these other ones, it takes a long time for them to turn it around.

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But if you collect the Federal Government contractors, case, those are turned around and much faster, which is important because of the time window for our grant. So, I just want to highlight that and get you back to where you were, Bill. Sorry. I don't know if there's a delay for you, Bill.

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But there might be a delay.

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So that's why some of that.

Bill Finerfrock

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and then as you backup, OK, OK, as you go down that same page, you're going to have some additional questions, the business structure and legal structure. Are you an LLC: or you what, is your business classification, the name of the CEO. If it's, you know, whoever that is their title. Do you have a website?

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What type of business is at home based, the number of employees and then, the date it's approximate, you don't need to stress over the exact date?

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And then, the next, you're going to be asked for standard industrial classification code, and North American Industry classification system. These are our codes that you will have to enter into.

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So, you can go Google those terms if you wish, but if you go to the next page, here are the, we, what we've already done it, we went in and looked at the S I C options.

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And so, you're, you couldn't be an office in clinic of a Doctor of Medicine Office Clinic of a Doctor of osteopathy, Office or Clinic of a chiropractor, Office in clinic of health practitioners, not elsewhere classified or a specialty outpatient facility, not elsewhere classified.

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So, our sense is that, you know, depending on whether you're an MD or a DO operated RHC, you're going to want to do that.

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If you're a chiropractor or if you're a PA or NP or one of the other providers, either type, then you're gonna do the 18049, and then, if you're none of those, then you could do the other Clinic 8093.

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Those are your options.

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Under S, I see, if you don't wanna look it up, you're certainly welcome to look it up, Search for Health Care or Medicine, when you're at that website, but we decided to go ahead and try and do that for you. And those are your options.

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Next, you have to do an NAICS, and these are the options that we think are most appropriate for, for you to look at. First is Office of Physicians. They don't make the distinction between an MD or a DO.

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They just say, Other than Mental Health, Office of chiropractors then or Office of all other miscellaneous health practitioners. So, you know, again, if your DAC owned or operated, if you're other or all other outpatient care centers, those are the four that are the most seemingly appropriate for you as an RHC.

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And then, again, you're going to repeat the company leadership, first name, last name and their title.

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And here's where you're going to then provide them with the information, verifying that you are, who you say you are, and again, they list the examples of things that you could list. You're going to need to make sure you have those in electronic form.

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So if you have a hard copy, you're going to want to scan it, and then enter that into your computer.

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If it is an electronic form, it's there.

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Because what you'll do is you're going to click on that browse button, and that's going to take you to your, your computer, your your drive, and you're gonna then search, find the document. Click on it, and it's going to enter that document in.

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And then you're gonna go and find.

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You're going to go back, hit browse again, you're going to add, you know, click on the second document. You know, maybe it's Your Lease Agreement. A phone bill, utility bill, something.

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But they have to be an electronic, so if you only have a hard copy now, go and get it scanned.

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If you can do that at your office, scan it right in. If you have to go somewhere, put it onto a flash drive, scan it to a flash drive, take that to your office, download it from the flash drive onto your computer. So, you have it there, and then you can browse and select it and attach that electronically to this application.

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So, that's it.

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That should be, you know, you should get your duns number within a few days of completing this application process, and as Nathan said, that's why it's important to go through the federal grantee.

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Normally it would take could take up to several weeks to get a duns number, but because you're doing this as a grant as a potential grantee, then the process is expedited.

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You should be able to get your number much more quickly if you run into a problem. You can either go back to that web, the e-mail address, or contact us at the National Association of Rural Health Clinics, and we will work to assist you to try and make sure you can get your duns number, but you have to have this before, you can go through the application process to even submit your application. So, I would encourage you, want, if you find out you don't have a duns number, if your hospital doesn't, or if if you're a provider based.

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Or if you are an independent, go and get your duns number now.

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Next thing you're going to do is want to create this sam account, and your options are to do it as an individual, and, as you're going to go through two steps, individual and entity.

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So if you go to the SAMHSA website, sam dot gov, again, you can Google that. You'll see in the upper right-hand corner, a login. Now, you'll see, create a User account, register entity. Search Records. You could click on the Create a User account, but it's going to send you to the same login page.

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So if you click on Login, go to the next slide.

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This is where it's going to take you, and you're going to have to create a login account.

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This is something relatively new for the government. And you'll enter in an e-mail address. This is an individual. You're gonna create a password.

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It'll ask you to verify the password, and then you're gonna hit create an account because you're, you're creating the log and you don't already have one. So you'll click on Create an account. Next slide.

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And you'll be created now. You go back to login. And now what you're gonna do is go to the Individual Account Details. And you're gonna need to create an individual account. This is for you as an individual. So you'll, you'll click on Create Individual Account.

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And you'll be asked to complete this information pretty straightforward. Now. This is a screenshot I had created, so you can see an e-mail address that's in there.

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Um, because you're logging in, whatever e-mail address you used on login will automatically populate on here so you won't get the be Find 56. That's a a personal e-mail account. I have that I used as I was developing this presentation.

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In order to be able to go through the slides. So whatever e-mail you used on login is what would automatically be populated in there and you go through and you'll create a username.

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You'll go through serious security questions. If you've done these before they're like you know what is your mother's maiden name? What city where you're born in? You'll create those data if there's a question or You need to make a change.

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Make sure to remember those answers because if you have to change your password or change something, it's going to come back and ask you, What were your answers? And if you can't answer the questions that you said, you know, you provider your load up here, then it will lock you out. You won't be able to do it Next slide.

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So, then, that's it, and you'll be confirmed. And you'll have created your sam account, and as you see, it'll say you've successfully created the sam account.

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No further actions required, you'll receive a confirmation e-mail e-mail with your username. Select Done, and so you're gonna hit done unless you want to print.

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Now, you're gonna go back in and, again, hit Create User Account.

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Because now, you're going to create that you've created the individual account. Now, you're going to create the, the other user account. So you hit Create User Account.

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You're going to accept the User Agreement.

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And, again, this one is me, so welcome, et cetera. Just some information here.

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And now what you're gonna, C is on the left-hand side, you're going to do entity registration.

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So, and you'll hit the drop-down, and you can either register a new entity, or buyer preferred reporting. In this case, we're going to register a new entity.

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So you'll click on Register New Entity Next slide.

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It'll take you to here and start the registration process. Next slide.

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This would be on that page. You just read through it. You're gonna see where it says Your duns number is going to be needed, if you don't have one, You would have to create it. You're going to need your taxpayer ID number of year. In your case, your EIN.

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You're also going to need your bank's routing number, Your bank account number, your bank account type, whether it's going to checking and savings because you're going to set up electronic funds transfers so that once the grant is approved, the government is going to transfer that money. And so it's going to need all of that information through this ... sams process.

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So your duns number, your tax ID number, your EIN, and you're going to be asked to submit your bank routing information, and then when you, you so have all of that handy, when you're, you're setting up your sam account, then you'll hit Continue.

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So, it's going to ask you, What type, what do you read a string.

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Now, you're registering a business or organization, and then it asks you: Why are you, are you registering, and you'll click on, I want to conduct, Got business with a government organization, and apply for federal assistance, such as a grant, loan, or other. So you're going to be using this to apply for a grant. So you're gonna click that button, So you click on business Organization, and click on, I Want to Conduct IGT business with the government of such as applying for a grant, Then you'll click Next.

Nathan Baugh

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Bill, can I ask a question here? Sure.

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What's the difference between the selection you have highlighted and like option 1 and 2?

Bill Finerfrock

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So, OK, you're, you're not.

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It says, I want to be able to bid on federal contracts or other procurement options' opportunities. I also want to be able to apply for grants loans.

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So, Because you. You're we're not.

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I'm going to apply for federal contracts.

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So, there you have the option to do both, but you're going to be asked to do a lot more.

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Provide a lot more information, because you're potentially asking saying you want to be able to bid for a contract.

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Because we're just doing this for grants, That's why you go to the to the, lots of the bottom button. You could do that, But You're going to have to provide a lot more information, because, you're saying, I want to do better on federal contracts. Next. Is if you only want to do Apply for federal assistance like Grants Loans.

Nathan Baugh

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Yeah, that, like, number two, seems like it would be viable.

Bill Finerfrock

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Yeah, You could do number two as well. I only want to apply for Federal assistance, like grants, loans, and financial assistance. That would be, that actually might even be a better option.

Nathan Baugh

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All right? OK! So, what is the IGT inter-governmental intergovernment

Bill Finerfrock

intra Governmental Transactions with other government organizations? So if you wanted to do something with Department of Agriculture, or with some other governmental agency, you could do that. But if you only wanted to do that, and actually probably button two might be a better option.

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OK, then go to Next, uh, here you're, you've determined the purpose. Now, you're being asked to confirm the purpose. that, the purpose of doing this, why are you asking to get enrolled in Sam, because you want to get access to awards.

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You're required to complete the following sections: Core Data, Assertions, Representations, and Point of Context. So, then, you'll click Next.

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You're going to, Again, here's where you're going to now enter in your duns Number.

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OK, that number that you already got, and you're gonna, again, enter your legal business name, and you're of the physical address.

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Again, no PO boxes, you're going to need a physical address, then you'll click Next.

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So a day after you submit your sam registration, your organization's authorized representative will then be eligible to enter grants dot gov. So, all of this should just take a couple of days to do the duns number and the ...

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registration. And then you will be eligible you all, who is going to be the organization's authorized representative, who within your, you know, do you want to do that? And that person can then take that information, now, you've got Duns and Sam, and you'll now be eligible to go to grants dot gov and complete the application for the RHC Grant Program.

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And so, here, you'll register with grants dot gov dot gov and you'll see down in the lower left-hand corner.

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Register now, and, again, if you have problems, you can contact grants got out dot gov, Technical Assistance Team. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There's a phone number, if you want to call, and there's the e-mail if you have, if you're having any problems entering into the grants dot gov system. Next slide.

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So, what you'll be asked to do is, who's going to be the authorized user?

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Going to the name, address, e-mail, phone number, you can enter in your phone number or your mobile phone if you want cell phone, and then confirm the number.

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You don't have to do them over.

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And then, you're going to create a username, you're going to create a password.

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Then you'll be asked to confirm their password note that it is case sensitive.

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So if you use upper case lowercase and then you'll have the option: Do you want to get alerts?

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In this particular one, I, I said, Yes, I clicked the box, but you don't have to, but if you want to get alerts, you can, then you'll click Continue.

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And then you're gonna confirm the information, and you're gonna ask them to send you a temporary code, which they will, and they'll send it to the e-mail that you had provided to them, as part of their verification. So in this case, I went in and did it under my area, C e-mail.

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And so I asked them to send me the temporary code, They sent me, here's the contact information, right there, my phone number, et cetera.

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If you want to back up a second, I just wasn't sure if I got everything. So, again, you could, and that, I told them that I wanted to do that. And also what my stablish does the username and confirm. So, it's asking you to confirm that all that, you know, look at it and make sure everything is correct next page.

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Again, congratulations, you've successfully created your grants dot gov account, And you can then continue on, if you want to do additional ad organization, profile, et cetera. But, you know, I just hit Continue, Continue On.

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Now, here is where you can go to just right now, you could go and get a sense of what is up and available. So, this is the grants dot gov page where you can go and see what grants are currently available. The RHC grant program will not be listed. It has not been formerly that the web page has not been opened up yet. But you could click on Find Funding, and go to the next page.

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And here you go, and you'll see here, Get Started. So if you want to fill out the application, so you've registered with grants dot gov, now, you're going to try and fill out the app go and fill out the application. So you would click Get Started.

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And then next slide.

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So in this case, you're going in to apply for the grant. So you're going to click Apply on this page.

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Now, if you don't know, or you're not sure, and you haven't you, whatever you'd like, I can't remember, you could just hit rural health clinic in there and search for grant opportunities. So if you were to do that, and then you hit go, it would tell you whether or not there are any grant opportunities for rural health clinics.

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Next slide.

Nathan Baugh

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So it seems like you could. it seems like from these slides, we're bouncing between grants dot gov and HRSA.

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Do would you say that there's two ways to get to, like this page looks different than the grants dot gov page, grants, dot gov is where you will go to actually apply for the grant if you want to, if you backup here.

Bill Finerfrock

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So this is: yeah, this will just give you information, OK, OK, so you can go in Paris, you click the link, it's going to take, it's going to kick it over to grants dot gov. Eventually you're gonna get here, right?

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Thank you. Yes, OK.

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So, and this is, what if you're looking for it, if you were to enter in. So, in this case, I entered in Rural Health Clinic. And there isn't anything right now. But this is what that page would look like.

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And then if you can click on any one of these highlighted opportunity numbers, it would take you to how to how to do the grant application, or to the grant application for that program. So you can just see, these are all just, yeah. It's not just HRSA.

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These are grants from different agencies.

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So, we, there has been, historically, just I did this so you could kind of see what it would look like if you clicked on one of those, This is an older grant opportunity. This is for the Rural Health Clinic Technical Assistance Program.

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This is actually the program that allows us to, to provide this information. As I said, this is through, which, technically call it a co-operative agreement, but it's a grant, and so this would pop up. If you had pulled that up on that previous screen, this is where it would take you, and you could view the grant opportunity, You could look at history, documents, the package, but then you would click on Apply.

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And here's where you would now enter in that username and the password that you had previously set up.

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And you would login, Then it would take you here, and you would see all this information. Each one of those areas you could highlight on.

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And, as I've noted on the right hand side, you can download the instructions.

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It gives you who the point of contact is.

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And this is the type, so, would tell, it's going to tell you the Notice of Funding Opportunity.

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This is a sample of what is in those documents. Now, this is going to be relatively simple. It's not going to be a very complicated application we're being told. So, this is just to give you a sense of the kinds of things.

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So, again, this was our Rural Health Clinic Technical Assistance. We submitted this last in December.

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Just so, you know, we recently were notified that this grant application was approved and the RIT Technical Assistance Program has been continued for five more years.

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So these programs will continue in co-operation between an RHC and the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy.

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So, that's, that's pretty much it. So, you go to grants dot gov and register, you allow 3 to 5 business days to register with grants dot gov after duns and sam registration. So that's why I'm saying, I would encourage you to start the duns process and sams process.

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Sooner duns has got to be first because you need a duns number to complete sam, so get your duns number if you already have it. Great. Go right to sam.

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If you don't go get a duns number, then go to sam, register with sam, then once you're there, then you can register with grants dot gov.

Nathan Baugh

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So, Bill, you're saying that it's going to take, after you register at grants dot gov, it's another 3 to 5 business days, right, OK.

Bill Finerfrock

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Then you can, then you can apply it.

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So you who will be your authorized representative, you'll get a confirmation e-mail saying that you are now able to submit the application.

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So whoever's fills out, that registration in grants dot gov will get an e-mail saying, you're good to go.

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Now you can go to the actual application and submit the, the application.

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It is recommended that you don't wait until the last minute to submit your application, hopefully allow three days prior to the deadline.

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So, you know, if you trend forward, let's say that, you know, the application opened up, No, tomorrow, it's not, I don't believe it's going to happen tomorrow.

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But let's say it was open tomorrow. It was open for three weeks.

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You'd have three weeks from tomorrow to get everything done, and submit your application. So, We do think it will be soon.

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I don't know for sure what day it will open, but we think it'll be very soon. That's why we're we're doing this now to, to get you into that process to allow you to submit your application.

Nathan Baugh

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Yeah, and both do Well, I kind of think I know the answer to this when we know exactly what the application looks like, which we don't know exactly what the application looks like, Do you think we'll do another webinar?

Bill Finerfrock

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I Suspect we will try and either do a webinar or put out instructions, but try and get your information to expedite your ability to complete the application and get it submitted in a timely fashion.

Nathan Baugh

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Yeah. This is all about registration. So, yes, the application shouldn't be too hard. Hopefully, it's not, It won't require a long webinar, or maybe not even a webinar at all.

Bill Finerfrock

But I will tell you that somebody's applications, the one that we were talking about that I was showing you for the RHC Technical Assistance was a very, very involved.

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And you also want to note that often, there are limits to the number of pages you can have in your application. You have to adhere to that.

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So, you want to make sure you do the application correctly, and you don't want to get a technical, no violation, if you will, or something that needs to be corrected. And that's why it's recommended that you started, you submit three days ahead. That if there is a problem, and they come back and say, oh, this was wrong or too many pages or whatever.

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You then have time to fix. It corrected. Resubmit it. If you wait until the last day at the last minute and there's a problem with the application. It's not like, well, we'll extend the deadline while you fix it. So, if you send it, if there's a problem you'll have and you send it in before the deadline, you'll have time to fix it and resubmit it.

Nathan Baugh

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But before we also don't want to, sit deadline will not be blended with that. We don't want to scare people that, like, if not through this registration stuff. You. Yeah, Yeah. That's half the battle.

Bill Finerfrock

That's the Yeah, that'll be the hard part.

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That's what we believe. it will be, like the application we're told will be fairly simple and straightforward.

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So, Nathan is going to talk to you now about the RIT Vaccine Distribution Program and the ... mitigation.

Nathan Baugh

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OK, thank you, Bill.

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So, a lot of lot of steps there.

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It's doable, you know, start with dun's, go to sam, then grants dot gov, and, you know, be ready to go.

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when the grant is announced, we'll make sure everyone knows, and then, then you're ready to go.

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And hopefully, it'll be a seamless process there.

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I'm going to talk just very briefly about a couple of these other programs. And then we're going to dive right into questions.

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RHC, covid 19 Vaccine Distribution Program is something that President Biden announced in the end, the announcement with the other two programs.

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And essentially what it is, is that the federal government will give direct allocations of covid vaccines to opera clinics, and this is outside of the normal distribution systems that generally, go through the states or the health departments.

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So, if you're not getting enough vaccine supply from the normal sort of mechanisms, this is something that, you know, you should be interested in. A lot of the details are still there. We're still working on it, HRSA is still working on it.

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There were a few rural health clinics that were selected for the initial distribution, which are really going to be it's really a proof of concept.

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And then, hopefully, we'll the, you know, if that works out well, it could potentially be expanded.

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So, if you are interested, really the only thing to do is e-mail.

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The e-mail that I have here listed at the bottom, say that you're interested in, you know, the vaccine distribution program should be expanded and extended which we anticipate it probably well, but again, don't have too many details as of the exact moment on how all of the minutia of that is going to work.

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So really, the only thing to do, again, is e-mail that e-mail address, if you are interested in receiving direct allocation.

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Don't have much market share on that.

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Then next, the third program I'm going to talk about is Testing and Medication.

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Program, Rural Health Clinic, covid 19 Testing and Mitigation Program.

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So I think hopefully many of you already know about this because we put out notices and news articles about it.

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But we're going to get a, another allocation. Every single rural health clinic, that qualifies will get a \$100,000 automatically deposited into your bank account in June.

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And so this is very similar to the 49,461 we got last May, except for, we can use this 100,000 for testing and mitigation.

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Dive into mitigation and a second. I know on the screen here, it says RIT's that have met the requirements for the RIT testing program for the earlier distribution will receive a one time allocation. That's that's true.

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But, if you are newer RHC and you didn't get the 49,000 and you qualified in your in the government systems in time, you will still be eligible.

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So, if you never got the 49,000, and that's why you didn't register on RHC covid reporting dot com. Then, you're OK.

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But, if you've got the 49,000 and you just have not, then you're reporting responsibility.

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That's where you could you might not get the \$100,000 the same time everyone else does.

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Good news is, that if you go in register, and correct that, then we anticipate that HRSA will release the \$100,000 to you.

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Once you've sort of caught up on the reporting requirements.

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I didn't let me just be in terms of the money though, because those individuals, so the initial distribution, everybody who's current, registered currently an RHC where, if they're new and they couldn't, you know, they will get 100,000.

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That money goes out the door. They will then go back, and there will be this catch up opportunity.

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It's conceivable that the amount of money that will be left will not be sufficient to award \$100,000 to those folks.

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And so their ward may be less than 100,000 because the total amount available is less.

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That's why it says up to, so all the initial folks are gonna get 100,000. If you are late, if you didn't sign up, if you didn't do what you were supposed to do, it's possible that you may get less than 100,000.

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Maybe. Yeah, everything we say here, we're we're.

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We're dancing a little bit ahead of where we should be dancing Just because we want to get this information out to you.

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So, some of these decisions are not final final.

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I do think they were going to try to make it \$100,000 flat, but, you know, if you get paid 97,322 dollars and 37% and it's an odd number, you know, don't don't blame me because I did weren't, we weren't you. But I do think that they're going to try to go. \$100,000 flat also be.

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one of the things we learned from the last time when the reasons we've gone for a flat number is that it will help people identify the funding in their bank account, because it's, you know, it's this flat number that you received.

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So, Let's see here.

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Yeah, so if you just make sure your current on RHC, that's I'm sorry, this is incorrect.

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Actually, that that link does work.

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RHCcovidreporting.com is the main hyperlink. But, I believe if you put a 19 in there, it will actually we, we bought that URL to So, RHCcovidreporting.com. Just make sure you're up to date on that. And you should have no problems.

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And then, again, if you didn't get that first payment, then and you're now in RHC, you would you will be eligible for this, even if you don't have an account there on RIT covered reporting dot com.

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All right.

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Again, this is same concept as last year.

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In scenarios where that provide you're a provider based rural health clinic, the Tax ID is the entity that's going to be paid.

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The money will be deposited into the account of the owner of the RHC.

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So, if that's the hospital or the system, it will be their bank account that receives the \$100,000. And if they have multiple RHCS, they will receive \$100,000 times the number of eligible RHCS to have.

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So, it could be 3004, 900,000, et cetera.

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Now, one nuance between this, this money and last year's money is that that there's going to be some additional language that the money must be spent.

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Um, on covid testing or mitigation activities occurring at the RHC or for the benefit of the community served by the RHC.

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So, in the scenarios where it's a very large system and the system covers some urban areas where there aren't really rural health clinics, the intent of this covid 19 testing Money isn't to consolidate it in an area that's not served by an RHC. The intent is to get it into rural communities.

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So, you know, if you maybe don't have access to the, you know, the financial information of your entire organization, I would have a conversation with the person that does to make sure that they understand that this money needs to flow down to the communities that the RHC serves.

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So, I'll put that out there. That's, that's something that we're trying to emphasize.

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Next thing.

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Is that, just in terms of the first round, the money that we received in May, we now know that you have until the end of this year to spend it.

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I know many of you are probably sitting on that money, think you've spent some of it, you're looking for other ways to properly spend the rest.

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Some of you might not have spent any of it and are just kind of waiting for more clarification before you decide what to allocate to.

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But, for the 49,000 that you received in May, you will have to spend by the end of this year.

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If you if you haven't spent all the 49,000 by the end of 21, there will be a process to return whatever's left over that we will cover at the end of this year.

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But there will be a process to invite me in May of 2020.

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Can I get that right?

Shannon Chambers

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Yep. And the only thing I was going to remind people is currently on the RHC Covered Reporting website. If, when you first logged in and you clicked the box that said, you have not spent any of those funds.

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Yeah, this is a reminder to go back in to your registration and un click that box and tell us how you actually did spend those funds. There's about 9% of all the rural health clinics that clicked the button that says they have not spent any of their funds, so it's something we need to make sure that you updated.

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Again, even if you did receive funds, so the first payment being in May of 2020, there was an additional payment in December of 2020, January of 2021, and March of 2021, for those that had not been paid on one of the prior payment dates.

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Remember, again, as Nathans pointing out here, this is December 31st of 2021.

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So we're giving you more than six months to go ahead and get that in order.

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But, again, if you still have that on your profile, on the website, please update that, to show how you expended those funds, mm.

Nathan Baugh

And there's no exact publish. We don't know that there's no published timeframe for the testing and mitigation funds, the 100,000 that you will receive in June.

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Uh, there will be, I believe, Shannon, correct me if I'm wrong, we have confirmed that there will be a timeframe and the terms and conditions. Unlike the money received in May, which we didn't really know the timeline, this time for the 100,000, there'll be a clear start and end date.

Shannon Chambers

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Is that? That's correct. Right. That is correct. And as soon as the terms and conditions are out, we will make sure that we get that across all of the education out to the rural health clinics.

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And of course, we're always here to answer questions.

Nathan Baugh

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So there's going to be a little, there's going to be some time where it's overlapped between 149,000, but they will have clear expenses that occurred and clear timeframes for each the Testing Fund ... testing program.

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That's round one, alrighty, night.

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I'm sorry, as a tongue twister RHC ... testing and mitigation is round 2, each will have clear timeframe. So, I just want to make sure you know that we anticipate that.

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And the other sites here, all the covid testing and mitigation reporting will continue to be done on RHCcovidreporting.com. We may augment and modify the website in the months to come. So that it makes sense for the mitigation piece of this.

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And it makes sense for people who are getting the testing program money, but not the testing and mitigation funds. Let's say you're gonna return 100,000, and you just want to do testing, we're going to have to make some modifications to the, to the website, so that it can handle both programs.

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So, just be on the lookout for that, hopefully will, our goal is always to keep that web portal very simple and clean, so we'll do our best to expand it to cover both programs.

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So, again, the key distinction between what you can actually use these funds for: Between last year's testing Program funds, and this: this year's funds is mitigation mitigation. So, what exactly do we mean by mitigation? Well, it's not. Nothing is published yet.

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It's going to be laid out in, as as, I think, a lot of detail in the terms and conditions and the accompanying FAQs from FR HP. They will really lay out what they consider to be mitigation activities.

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There using the CDC's community mitigation guidance to sort of guide their thinking on this.

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So if you want to check out some ideas right now, that's the website.

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Be assured that no, hopefully before you get the funding, there will be published the terms and conditions and an FAQ that really dives into exactly what mitigation entails and what you can spend that on.

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So really just more to come on that.

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All right, so with that, we are now at questions. Oh, now it's a timer page.

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OK, I have We have the, I had A camera.

Shannon Chambers

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If you want to open the questions, we'll go ahead and start taking those questions.

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And for those of you that weren't able to get the codes, of course, any of the webinars that we sponsor, we do the CRH CP code.

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If you're not aware of what the Certified Rural Health Clinic Professional exam is, take a look on the website, and that code for today's presentation is T as in Tom, E as an Edward nine, D as in dog.

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And the questions are starting to roll in, so, Nathan and Bill, if you're ready, I'll go ahead and start to get those questions over for you.

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All right, so, Bill or Health systems with multiple RHCS, Cannot HRSA Grant Application, be completed for each RHC site or only one her organization.

Bill Finerfrock

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So, you want to, you're asking if you can apply for a grant for each individual site, as opposed to the system. Is the problem with that is going to be, that you're going to have presumably? Well, you'd have to have a separate duns number is going to have probably a common EIN.

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If you're a health system. And if they have separate ends, then you could, I see no reason why you couldn't do get a separate duns and A based on the individual EIN.

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But, I think in all likelihood, you're going to find that it's going to be easier to do that as a system for all of two to submit a grant for the system.

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I'm not sure what the purpose of doing it individually would be if you feel like you're going to get more money.

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If you did five individual grants, as opposed to one grant, for five clinics, totalling the same amount.

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But I think probably doing one grant is going to be the easiest thing to do.

Shannon Chambers

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Wonderful. So the next question from Joan is what has everyone been spending their money on? So I'm actually going to take this one.

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Um, so there are several things. But then the terms and conditions, for the original 49,461 dollars and 4 cents, it is very, very detailed out.

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If you are using that for staff education, if you were using that to put up the temporary structure, Again, it is all back to ... 19 testing site, encourage you to really take a look at the terms and conditions and you can find some information out there. Nathan, any additional thoughts on that?

Nathan Baugh

Sorry, I, I did a bad joke and said Bitcoin don't spam Bitcoin.

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Yeah, neither Shannon, just power through that. It was, but it was best for everyone.

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Yeah, Like, I think Shannon covered it well, the question is, why has everyone been spending their cash on?

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Well, the, my question back to you, John, is which cash?

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Which funding stream are you talking about, right?

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Because there are different funding streams that you can spend on different things, so in terms of the testing Program, money, Shannon nail, that there are different funds that you can spend it on different things.

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But I see that she's left anyway, so we'll move on to the next question.

Shannon Chambers

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All right. And just to make you aware, we're gonna go to about 1 30 and go through and try to get some of these questions. We realized we're gonna lose some people as part of that.

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All right, so Nathan or Bill, very interested in details of the vaccine Confidence grant.

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How much will the grant be and what can the money be spent on?

Bill Finerfrock

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In terms of the amount, our understanding of what's been described to us is that there is no technically no upper limit in terms of how much someone could request.

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However, there will be, in all likelihood, a minimum amount of the grant, based on the presumption that if you wanted to provide a grant to every aright, see, every RHC does apply that, how how much could they get?

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But, so, I know that that will be spelled out in the announcement when that is available in terms of what you can spend on it.

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Again, that's we don't have the details, but, you know, what can you do to increase your community's confidence in vaccines in general, or their willingness to get vaccines? Do you do outreach? Do you do activities in your community or they're going to be relative to getting booster shots? If you sit there going, oh, well, you know, everybody in my community is vaccinated, well, are we going to need to do booster shot? Wire boosters import.

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Are you going to need to undertake other activities to try and inform people about why vaccines are important, why this particular vaccine or vaccines in general?

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I would say that, look, and think, broadly, if you wanted to increase vaccine confidence in your community, what would you do?

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And, and, you know, be be creative, but be realistic. And, you know, what could you do to increase confidence in vaccines in your community?

Nathan Baugh

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Um, just backtracking on this first question there. There won't be the option to do a grant for each RHC site.

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It will be 1 per 10, as I think Bill mentioned. Unless you have multiple 10 sets, the only time you'll be doing multiple 10 or ends. If you have multiple TINs or ions, then you could do months, then you would need to do multiple applications. But certainly not for each RHC site.

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And then, on vaccine confidence, I'll just say, I think Bill covered it.

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I think what the government's going to do is they're going to essentially look at everyone who did the application properly, and, and then they're going to divide the 100 million across that universe of entities, And.

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But there will be, and correct me if I'm wrong, Bill, if you only request 30,000 as an example, in your grant application.

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And the 100 million divided by the eligible, and, you know, the people who completed the application processes 50,000, you only get 30,000 Because you only put in for 30,000. The government can't pay you more than what you request. Is that Correct?

Bill Finerfrock

Correct. That's correct.

Nathan Baugh

Right.

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So, if you've requested more, then what the split is, then you'll get the split. If you've requested less than what the split is, you will get what you requested.

Bill Finerfrock

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And we don't know that every RHC is going to apply.

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So, you know, that's what, that's what makes it difficult is knowing what ultimately may be available.

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Per RHC is going to be a function of how many actually apply, relative to the total amount that that's there. But, you know, think about what you would do.

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Think about what that would cost you, and then come up with that.

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Don't don't let the money drive your initiative, Be creative in your initiative, in terms of what can we do in our community to include improved vaccine confidence? And then, use that as your starting point, and work from there. Don't back into it and say, Oh, I've got potentially \$50,000, Now, I'm gonna figure out how to spend it.

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Come up with the initiative, and then figure out what budget you need to move to fulfill that objective.

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Wonderful.

Shannon Chambers

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All right, so we're going to move on to the next one. And I do see that this person has left, but I want to go ahead and answer this question. So it says, Do you foresee the government trying to recoup any of the grant funds that facilities are rewarded?

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It's part of you agreeing to the terms and conditions of the payment and either attesting to those funds. Or if you've kept those funds for more than 90 days, then you agree to the terms and conditions.

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You are required to report and register and meet those requirements asked for them, Recouping that that is on the sole discretion of HRSA and the Government. So I will not talk through that part.

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But you did agree to the terms and conditions. Or again, if you kept the funds you agreed to meet those terms and conditions, I'd highly recommend getting in and doing your reporting.

Nathan Baugh

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The next 1, 4: I was just going to say, he's asking a question that we can't answer because if we say, oh, we don't anticipate them ever recouping any of these funds if I said that, Which I didn't say then, you know, I would get in trouble, in the case, in the scenario that an entity did have the funds recouped. So it's certainly possible.

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It's really just a question that we can't answer like you need to do it, right.

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You could get audited and that absolutely the government could recoup how much of an effort they will do to go about and recoup these funds. I know one can say, So it's it's a question that we really can't answer.

Shannon Chambers

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All right, so, the next question. Bill, Grants are these also for profit RHC. So not just the non-profit RHCS for you are.

Bill Finerfrock

You are eligible by virtue of being an RHC. Your Tax Status Profit for-profit non-profit is not relevant to this particular grant program.

Shannon Chambers

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Perfect. Next question is, regarding the testing mitigation, the covid 19 testing mitigation, \$100,000 won't be given until \$49,000 spent and recorded on. That is incorrect.

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You will receive that as part of, as long as you've done your reporting, and you're registering as part of the First Round. Nathan, you want to take the rest of that?

Nathan Baugh

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Yeah, let's say you haven't spent any of the \$49,000, but you have registered on RHCcovidreporting.com. You will get another \$100,000.

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So, send, no, you don't.

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There's no, you know, we're waiting until Round one has done before we give you Round two.

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No, that's not how it's working.

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You will get round 2 as long as you have met the reporting requirements for Round one, with no with no nothing regarding how much of Round one you've spent.

Shannon Chambers

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Fantastic.

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All right, so, some of these are the same questions, so I'm going to keep moving through.

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Does the RHC Vaccine Competency Program have a set grant amount? So, we've answered that, is that it depends on how much you asked for working on making sure that you know what you want to do with those funds before going out and asking for those funds.

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So, Nathan, where are we reporting that we have used all the funds received for the first original, 49,000?

Nathan Baugh

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You don't really report that you've spent everything. There's no like, Hey, I've spent everything now moment.

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You are simply reporting the testing that you're doing every month. So if you spent all of the money in may, Great, that's fine. Thanks.

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You use still of last year, you still do other reporting through on the website.

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OK, so though, will never, there is not a moment where you say, Hey, I've used all the funds and now I let you guys as in the government know that I've used all my funds.

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That's not something that we're doing.

Shannon Chambers

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Alright, if we have several independent RHCS under one Tax ID Number, do we need to apply for each RHC separate or one application?

Bill Finerfrock

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as you said in the previous, you're operating under a single tin.

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So the grant would be based on the single tin so you would do one grant application for all three RHCS under the single tin.

Shannon Chambers

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And then as a follow-up to that from Deborah, if we already have an account with grants.gov, can we use it for this or do we have to get a new one?

Bill Finerfrock

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If you're already registered with grants dot gov, my understanding is you would be able to use that. You would still submit an application. But if you have a duns, Sam, and you're registered, you should be able to just go right ahead and submit the application once it's available.

Shannon Chambers

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All right. The next question is regarding, Do we have to go through all three steps, Duns, Sam, and grants.gov in order to get the \$100,000 payment?

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So, those are two separate programs. Right?

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\$100,000 is RHC covid19, and mitigation, and then the duns, Sam, and grants.gov steps are regarding the vaccine competency.

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Bill Finerfrock

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Yeah. Completely separate. one is not related to the other.

Shannon Chambers

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All right. If we have multiple rural health clinics under various LLCs, how do we do the same registration for them? I'm going to assume, Bill, if you want to take that one if they're separate TINs than they would have to register separately. Correct?

Bill Finerfrock

Yeah. It's, it's really that the tin is what drives it.

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And so do they each have a separate 10, you know?

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And if so, then you could do a grant application based on each of the 10. So, let's say you have 5. 3 are under 1, 10. Now, there is under another 10, and the other is under a separate sense. You have three TINs for five RHCS.

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You could do three grant applications, one covering the three under the single TIN, the other two under each of their individual TINs.

Shannon Chambers

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All right. And a lot of these are still about how do we if we get the vaccine confidence funds, how do we spend them?

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This is an absolute. So, Stacey, I'm really grateful that you asked this question.

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Our fiscal person left, and no one has the login credentials For this, for the Covid Reporting website, How do I re connect so that we continuing report?

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So if you will go on the website, there's an option for you to contact support.

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It is support at ...

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dot com Is the e-mail address and what you'll do is you'll tell them who the original person was that was reporting And Then they can once you actually go in and just create an account.

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They can move that information over My contact information is also on the end of this presentation, And if you have any issues, I'll be glad to help walk you through that process.

Bill Finerfrock

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We, I feel like this was a planted question. We just, prior to this webinar, we had about a 30 minute conversation about this very situation. We are looking at the possibility of improving the functionality of the website, that would allow you to do that without having to go through

support. But, at the current time, as Shannon said, the best option is, just contact support, and they can help you do that.

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They'll do it with you on the back end, but we are looking at creating a front end process through which an individual can do that.

Nathan Baugh

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All right, if our Mac screen, right.

Shannon Chambers

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Yeah, We're seeing all not just.

Nathan Baugh

Yeah, it's because I put the timer on the last two sides. I apologize, everyone.

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So this is a way to get around that timer, so you can have our contact information. Sorry, go ahead.

Shannon Chambers

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So, Bill, this one is coming back at you.

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If our organization already has a duns number and a sam registration, can a different person register in grants.gov, or does it have to be the same person for all three accounts?

Bill Finerfrock

I don't know the answer to that question.

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However, I would imagine that a different person could be listed under grants.gov, because you will have to identify the authorized representative.

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And so, you could go into grants.gov or on the application, and register a different individual as the authorized representative, I believe.

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And then that person could be the appropriate contact person for this application.

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But, I don't know for sure the answer to that question.

Shannon Chambers

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All right, so, I flagged that one, so we can try to get some follow up information.

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If an RHC is not currently current with reporting to the covid 19 Reporting site, but will be in the next week, will that be on time to receive the June distribution? If you are already registered and have reported data, then that information is already pulled from the HRSA level.

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I'm not sure really how to answer. If you hadn't already said, here's a timeframe.

Nathan Baugh

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Yeah.

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You need to be current as of every day. No, I'm just kidding. It's not that stringent.

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OK, you need to be registered, We don't, there's not a published or an official cutoff, like, no, I haven't been reporting since January. That's borderline. I don't know why you haven't been reportings in January.

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You might still be eligible and you might still get 100,000, and I think that's going to be OK. However, you should be up to date. We want everyone to be up to date.

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So, the answer is, you're, you're going to be OK.

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You're going to be OK, But why are you not up to date? So that's, that's my answer to all those types of questions.

Shannon Chambers

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Alright, so the next one, as we received our payment of 49,000 by check the last time. Will that be the same this time around? Yes, if you had, so for some of our pediatric rural health clinics, you may not have had information on file at the CMS level, which had your bank account information, which is where these originally deposited to. So if you received a check the last time, the chances are that you will also receive that this time.

Nathan Baugh

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Yeah. And then again, we're a pediatrician.

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So I know he will probably get it via check.

Shannon Chambers

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Alright, so I thought the first payment received at the 49,461 dollars and 42 cents was strictly for testing so RHCS didn't have to prove or the funds were spent only had to report covid testing each month.

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So yes, it is covid 19 testing specific, but if you had to purchase PPE to do your testing or maybe you had to do staff education on the proper way to don PPE and take it off or you had to do staff education on infection control or even the time spent of someone entering your monthly numbers into the portal. All those are allowable cost during, and under the terms and conditions provided by HRSA.

Nathan Baugh

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Hmm hmm, hmm, hmm.

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Yeah, just, this is a common question, Can I elaborate, Shannon?

Shannon Chambers

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Of course.

Nathan Baugh

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So, we, we all know that there's this other thing called the Provider Relief Fund that's floating out there. Right.

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And there's a portal for the Provider Relief Fund, that is not yet open, you can register, But you can't really do anything beyond register.

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Right.

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That reporting portal, the Provider Relief Fund Portal, may ask for some financial information.

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You know, what did you spend the money on types of questions. We don't know exactly what that is going to say, because of course, not out yet.

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All right.

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So the RHC Covid 19 testing program, the 49,000 round one, if you will, is not technically provide a relief fund money, right? But, it's, it is similar, and then, in some cases, we borrow the FAQs from the Provider leaf, and so I totally get the confusion.

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We have been told that you won't need to do the same level of financial reporting for the 49,000 or 400,000 that you will for the Provider Relief Fund funds, if that makes any sense.

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So, you will, it might just be something to the effect of, you check a box, to acknowledge that you received the 49,000, and that's pretty much it.

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So, again, we're not anticipating like, you have to submit line items or receipts or or invoices for the testing program, but I am again, dancing a little bit ahead aware.

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I should be, because that provider relief fund portal is not out.

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So, hopefully, they can make a decision, when I wasn't in the realm, to decide to require a higher level of detail. But I don't anticipate that, so.

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Bill, do you want to weigh in? I heard you.

Bill Finerfrock

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Now, I was reading a different question.

Shannon Chambers

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I wanted to We have about 10 minutes left and I wanna be respectful of people's time. So, does the RHC need to be in a rural area in order to apply for the Vaccine Confidence grant?

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That is not a requirement this time around Bill additional thoughts?

Bill Finerfrock

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Now, I'm just I saw that one, I guess. Hopefully, you were in a rural area when you set up the RHC and subsequently, whatever has changed. But, now, you're absolutely right.

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It's as long as you are a federally certified rural health clinic, you are eligible for the, for the grant program and the receipt of the funds.

Shannon Chambers

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Any additional questions regarding if there are several on here that are very similar to how we've already answered regarding, Can we use one done number for all three provider based RHCS? Again, if you're under the same Tax ID number, then that would be the appropriate way.

Bill Finerfrock

Because, remember, when you look to go back and look at the duns, you're linking it to a Tax ID number.

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So, that's where, if you have different Tax ID numbers, and you could have a different dunes, but if it's one Tax ID, it's going to come in and say, is already a dunn number for that tax ID.

Shannon Chambers

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If our RHC received the \$100,000 distribution in June, do we need to register for duns and sam only if we're, if we're wanting to apply for the Vaccine Confidence grant? So, again, those are two different things that are coming. Bill?

Bill Finerfrock

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No, that's exactly right. Granted, separate, So the fact that you've got the monies previously or that you're going to get the 100,000, has no bearing on your ability.

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The grant process is separate and you'll have to go through that grant process.

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You gotta get a duns number, gotta get a sam number, you got to register and then you have to apply.

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There was one that that I don't know if we skipped over, but I would like to go back.

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It says we have three RHCS under a tax ID. 2 are new and didn't receive the 49,000 last year.

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I've been reporting on the website and I've added the other two to our page when they were added.

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Will all three be eligible to get 100,000 initially or just the one that received the initial testing funds?

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They should all be eligible.

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The only thing I don't know based on your question is when did the two new RHCS become certified and are they listed on Q core?

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If they, they're there will be, as there was before, There will be a date at which. If you were an all right see by this date, and I don't know exactly. We don't know exactly when that date will be.

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You will get the money, you'll get the 100,000 regardless of whether you got the previous 49,000. I'm gonna guess that it might be a date Somewhere in April, April?

Nathan Baugh

Yeah, it's April.

Bill Finerfrock

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So, if you're RHCS, definitely were entered in certified entered into Q Core by the end, let's just say the end of March.

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Not an issue.

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If you became certified and entered into Q Corps after whatever the cutoff date is, it doesn't mean that you're ineligible, those new RHCS.

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But you will not automatically get the the money that will be available there.

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but there will be as there was before, a catch up process to go and try and get money for those that that we're put on the list after the cutoff date.

Nathan Baugh

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Yeah, it's April 18th.

Bill Finerfrock

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I don't know if that's official, yet. That's why I didn't say that.

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I believe it will be.

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But, I don't know that that's official,

Nathan Baugh

I'll go out on the line, and I'll say it's April 18th.

Shannon Chambers

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All right. So, we're going to move on

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In Nebraska, the access to vaccines is controlled by the state. Will Nebraska RHCS have direct access to the federal stockpile? Well, back Nebraska. RHCS qualify to apply for this grant. Yes. And, yes, you will need to go through and click on the link that was provided when they were talking about that individual section regarding the federal stockpile, and go out and apply for that information. And then yes, Nebraska RHCS are allowed and qualified to apply for the grant.

Bill Finerfrock

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Well, there's much, it'll be very similar to what was done previously for the FQHCs, where you will go in, as Shannon said, for the vaccine distribution, you will once that process, as Nathan mentioned.

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Right now, they have select pre-selected, they have identified a group of RHCS that are are they have reached out to and said, we think you need the vaccine's please apply.

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Once they have that all worked out, the program will be expanded to other RHCS and made available but you will go into the federal portal, apply for vaccine distribution and this will be separate and distinct from anything done through the states.

Shannon Chambers

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All right.

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So will this money be taxable? As the \$49,461, and 42 cents taxable income. So I'm not sure if they're only talking about the 100,000 or the money they would receive, if they applied for a grant. I'd have to have a little more specifics there.

Nathan Baugh

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Well, the 49,000 was taxable. Yeah.

Bill Finerfrock

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And 100,000 will be taxable as well.

Nathan Baugh

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The grant, I'm not 100% sure on if it will be taxable and not Bill what do you now?

Bill Finerfrock

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I don't know what this the tax status of the grant money would be.

Nathan Baugh

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But certainly, the 49 and the 100 will be taxable. Yes.

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Not if you're in a non profit, non taxed entity, then you don't have to worry about it.

Shannon Chambers

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And we can add that into maybe a future presentation. Since that looks like it comes up a few times.

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If you are a new RHC, how do you apply for the Testing and Mitigation Program? So if you are a new rural health clinic, and you are currently listed on the Q Cor website than they have already pulled that information, back to the, you know, whenever you came into the program.

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So that's an automatic process That happens, it's not something that you'll have to apply for.

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For the SSC number, what do we use if we have both MDs and DOs? Great question, Cassie.

Bill Finerfrock

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I think you can just pick either one.

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I don't, I think it's just an option.

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I think there's also, you could could drop down to forget them off top of my head, but I think it was in other clinics, not otherwise reported. But, yeah, I think you just pick one. It doesn't matter. It's just a It's a classification.

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Obviously, I'm not saying to your individual, no osteopathic or allopathic physicians. It isn't relevant. But for for this purpose, I don't believe it makes a difference.

Nathan Baugh

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So, the next, I've just got something real quick. Yeah. So, I've got a text from our friends over at HRSA, they want us to note that.

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While RHCS, you could, when you do the application for the vaccine confidence, you could, you know, budgeted for less than \$50,000 worth of work.

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They're not, they're not encouraging that, so, there's, there, their recommendation is to budget for at least 50,000 or more in terms of what you apply for when you, when you've completed all the registration process, and you get to that part of the grant.

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They're encouraging, uh, you know putting it for a budget of 50,000 or more.

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But you are allowed to, if you can't think of enough things to cover that, you are allowed to go under that pertinent information.

Shannon Chambers

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Next question is, just to clarify, the funds can be used for education regarded covid, testing and vaccine in addition to immunization education. So, I think we're mixing up two things here.

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A vaccine competency is for all vaccines.

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As Bill pointed out, The covid 19 Testing Fund is only for testing does not incorporate anything to do with vaccines.

Bill Finerfrock

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The medication has been testing and mitigation, though you're 49,000 and change was testing only.

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100,000 is testing and mitigation. So they've added mitigation activities, which can encompass a wide range of things. And then you have vaccine confidence, so three very distinct utilizations for those monies.

Shannon Chambers

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All right, So, the next one, if we register for one grant for multiple locations, how will they differ?

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Too far out the different locations, And

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Well, we have an issue with getting it approved. For the other sites, only applying for one grant.

Bill Finerfrock

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So, the two you're going to apply, you're going to register right, and then you're going to apply.

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And in your application is where you will identify that you have multiple sites. So, let's say you have for RHCS, and as was previously noted, you know, 50,000 and so, you want to do a vaccine education program, you're going to submit a grant application requesting. In this example, I'm making up, but \$200,000.

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And you're gonna note that it is going to cover for RHCS that are in your organization and you will spend \$50,000 in each of those rhcs.

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So, it's in the application process where you will be able to apply for money for more than one RHC. If you have more than one RHC, it's going to be part of that application. It's not part of the registration process, because you're going to register.

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So the fact that you're registering is one entity under one tin, but you've got 10 RHCS or five RHCs does not prevent you in your grant application for then putting in money for each of those RHCS.

Shannon Chambers

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All right. So, we are nearing the end of our presentation.

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So, Nathan, we can see your screen.

Nathan Baugh

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I'm sorry.

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Find the RHC landing page on the HRSA. There's a great page on HRSA that I was trying to share.

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that I'm not gonna get to in time. Just didn't want you to call or e-mail.

Shannon Chambers

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So I'm going to read through a few more and answer these while he works on trying to find that. Nope,

Bill Finerfrock

OK, stop, stop. Stop your shared screen. Find what you want, and then re-activate?

Shannon Chambers

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So any word on the deadline for spending the other provider relief funds already received 103 through the provider release? Right now, I'm not aware that that's been updated.

Bill Finerfrock

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That's occurring, that conversation is occurring well above our pay grade, because that has to do with the money that went to all types of providers, hospitals, RHCS, doctors, et cetera.

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And so, those are decisions that are being made at that secretary level. We have All right, see stuff, but, but that's a decision being made at a different level.

Nathan Baugh

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Everyone should favorite, this webpage, this URL, HRSA dot gov, forward slash, coronavirus, forward slash rural, health clinics, OK?

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Put it in the chat link, and the Yeah, the, the link in the chat.

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And keep this page as a favorite and this will take you to each of the three different programs, everything you need to know about each of the three different programs that HRSA is running.

Shannon Chambers

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Perfect, thank you, Nathan.

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All right, with that, we still have a few questions, but scrolling through them, it looks like most of these are the same and clarification questions.

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So with that, Nathan, I guess I will turn it back over to you to end the presentation: As a reminder: the CRHCP Code is T as in Tom, E as an Edward nine, D as in dog. seven.

Nathan Baugh

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I think Bill is actually going to end that, kick it over to Bill.

Bill Finerfrock

That's fine. I just want to thank everyone for attending today's webinar, and I especially want to thank our great moderator, Shannon Chambers for helping us work through the questions and her contribution to today's program.

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Again, please encourage others who may be interested to register for these webinars.

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Shannon Chambers

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and last but not least, there's a survey that's gonna pop up at the end. We appreciate you taking a few minutes, letting us know what we need to fix, what we can do better, and how we can help you. Have a great day.

Bill Finerfrock

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Thanks, everybody.