CARERS Act Funding — Appropriations Related to Public Health

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) — Funds Awarded as of August 24, 2020

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARERS Act), is a $2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill signed into law March 27, 2020, in response to the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic. SHIP funds were made available through the CARES Act to assist eligible small rural hospitals (49 beds or fewer) that are essential access points for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. Eligible small rural hospitals are non-federal, short-term general acute care facilities, including faith-based hospitals, that are located in a rural area of the U.S. and the territories.

$7.59 M Allocated to Iowa
($185.0 M Appropriated Nationwide)

$4.19 M Dispersed to Iowa Hospitals

$84,317 Slated Per Rural Hospital

58 Hospitals of 90 Slated Have Received Funding

Funds Received by Hospital
- $9,077 - $40,000
- $40,001 - $84,316
- $84,317 (full funding)
- Hospital Slated to Receive Funding

Public Health Crisis Response — Funds Awarded as of August 24, 2020

Public Health Crisis Response Funding is intended for state, local, territorial, and tribal health departments to carry out surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory capacity, infection control, mitigation, communications, and other preparedness and response activities.

$6.35 M Allocated to Iowa
($730.0 M Appropriated Nationwide)

$3.45 M Dispersed to Iowa Dept. of Public Health

$1.13 M Awarded to County Boards of Health*

88 County Boards of Health Received Funding

Funds Received by County Board of Health
- $1,675 - $5,000
- $5,001 - $10,000
- $10,001 - $20,000
- $20,001 - $162,202

*Note: In addition to the County Board of Health awards, the University of Iowa received $679,953 and other entities received $321,918. It is uncertain whether future awards will be available through this program.

For more information on the status of CARES Act funding, see the LSA’s State of Iowa Financial Update.

Sources: Iowa Department of Public Health, Iowa Department of Management, LSA calculations
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