



# STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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## Award Process

### ARPA Healthcare Infrastructure Capital Fund Program May 31, 2022

#### Background

Governor Tony Evers has directed \$100,457,878.44 for the Healthcare Infrastructure Capital grant program to assist local and Tribal governments, nonprofit healthcare organizations, and Federally Qualified Health Centers in making significant investments in healthcare infrastructure necessary to reduce disparities in healthcare services provided to individuals living in Qualified Census Tracts or to populations disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding for this assistance is provided to Wisconsin by the Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. For more information regarding the Healthcare Infrastructure Capital grant program, including the grant applications, please visit the Program website: [DOA Healthcare Infrastructure Capital Grant Program](#).

The purpose of this document is to provide interested parties information on the award processes for the Program as defined in the Grant Announcement, issued October 26, 2021. The Grant Announcement provided the following Method of Award governing allocation of funds:

**Section 3.6 Method of Award.** DOA will conduct standard internal reviews for application completeness, applicant eligibility, and ineligible costs. Further, DOA will conduct an administrative review of project documentation and project information to determine each proposal's potential to maximize impact in relation to the Program's objectives. DOA will determine final evaluations for each application (see section 3.3). The State intends to award multiple grant agreements. Awards will be based upon the highest scoring responsive and responsible application(s) and each proposal's potential in achieving the greatest impact in relation to the Program's objectives. Award decisions are final and not subject to appeal. (Source: *Grant Announcement*, p. 7)

#### Process-Healthcare Infrastructure Capital Grant Program

##### Eligibility.

1. The program received 69 proposals requesting \$341,742,079.75 prior to the application deadline of November 30, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. CST, each of which were reviewed for compliance with the grant announcement.
2. There were 69 eligible applications. The program identified categories for the applications based on the project submitted via the application process.

- Dental Services (3)
  - Outpatient Services (27)
  - Inpatient Services (8)
  - Inpatient Critical Access Hospitals (6)
  - Public Safety (4)
  - Other (21)
3. The program considered eight (8) healthcare-related applications from the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant Program totaling \$93,994,502.
- Inpatient services (3)
  - Outpatient Services (4)
  - Other (1)

**Budget Adjustment and Awards.**

1. There were 69 eligible applications reviewed. The Program prioritized funding projects in certain categories based on the program's objectives. Applicants in certain categories that received the highest scores and were determined to best fit the program objectives were funded. The Program determined to fund 27 applicants that received the highest scores in the eligible application categories of:

- Dental Services (2)
- Outpatient Services (16)
- Inpatient Critical Access Hospitals (5)
- Public Safety (4)

2. One (1) outpatient services project from the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant Program was funded.

Due to the large number of qualified applications for the Healthcare Infrastructure Capital grant program and the large number of healthcare-related submissions that were not able to be funded under the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant program the program expanded the original \$50,000,000 in funding available under this announcement to \$100,457,878.44.