

Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program Hospital H1N1 Grant Announcement (ASPR FY2009)

The Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program provides financial and technical assistance to hospitals and other healthcare facilities throughout the state to enhance healthcare preparedness for public health emergencies.

In 2002, Section 319C-2 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended by the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (PAHPA) (P.L. 109-417) established the Federal Hospital Preparedness Program to assist states in improving surge capacity and enhancing community and hospital preparedness for public health emergencies. The Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, provides funding for the FY 2009 grant awards (P.L. 111-8). The Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program receives funding in the form of a Cooperative Agreement grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Funding is provided by the State of Wisconsin, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program via a cooperative agreement with the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response (ASPR), Hospital Preparedness Program (CFDA 93.889, Federal Award Number U3REP080119).

AVAILABLE FUNDS

A total of \$604,000 is available to hospitals for grant awards under this announcement. Hospitals may apply for a maximum of \$4,000.

To apply for this funding opportunity, the hospital must be compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Eligible hospitals must complete an After Action Report in the required format. A template After Action Report must be used and will be provided with the Application Approval Letter. 75% of funding will be available upon submittal of the fully completed template After Action Report to your Regional Hospital Preparedness Coordinator (see Attachment Two).

Eligible hospitals are also to attend one of two H1N1 After Action Conferences, which will be held in Madison (May 4, 2010) and in Wausau (May 6, 2010). 25% of the funding will be available if the hospital is represented at the conference as documented by the sign-in sheet. There is no cost to attend this conference.

ISSUING AGENCY: Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program through Shared Health Services of La Crosse LLC, which serves as the fiscal agent for this project.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Application Due Date: The hospital must submit the Application (see Attachment One) to their respective Regional Hospital Preparedness Coordinator (see Attachment Two) prior to 4:30 PM on Monday, February 8, 2010.

Project Start Date: Hospitals may begin to work on the After Action Report after receipt of the Application Approval Letter, which will be sent by email to hospitals as soon as possible after approval, but no later than Friday, February 19, 2010. A hardcopy of this Application Approval Letter will be sent at a later date.

Note: Attachment One may be signed electronically by an authorized person from the hospital and emailed to the appropriate Regional Hospital Preparedness Coordinator. The hospital may also FAX or postal mail Attachment One to the Regional Hospital Preparedness Coordinator.

Completion of H1N1 After Action Report: If your application is approved, the After Action Report must be submitted by email to the Regional Hospital Preparedness Coordinator (see Attachment Two) by 4:30 PM on Friday, April 16, 2010.

H1N1 After Action Conference: Tuesday, May 4, 2010 in Madison at the Crowne Plaza Hotel or Thursday, May 6, 2010 at the Jefferson Inn in Wausau. Both conferences begin with Registration at 8:00 AM and close at 3:15 PM.

Reimbursement: Reimbursement for approved, completed projects will be issued within 45-60 days after the May 6, 2010 H1N1 Conference. The payment is contingent upon Shared Health Services of La Crosse, LLC receipt of sufficient funds from the State of Wisconsin. Eligible facilities will be notified of any change in state funding.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The outbreak of 2009 H1N1 Influenza seriously stressed healthcare providers nationally and in the state of Wisconsin. Although the response from the healthcare community was pre-planned and well-executed, healthcare providers have already identified many “lessons to be learned”.

For this reason, the Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program is requesting the participation of hospitals and other selected healthcare facilities throughout the state in the completion of an After Action Report and participation in a state-wide H1N1 After Action Conference. “Lessons Learned” and “Corrective Actions” documents will be developed from these two projects. The lessons and corrective actions will then be applied to strengthen state and healthcare facility plans, develop needed resources and make these resources available to healthcare facilities.

It is also believed that many of the “Lessons Learned” and “Corrective Actions” from this H1N1 outbreak will help healthcare organizations to better respond not only to future pandemics but to all types of large scale incidents.

Attachment One

HOSPITAL Application for H1N1 Funding Award

Please check all that apply:

The following named hospital is requesting funding for the completion of the template H1N1 After Action Report: **\$3,000** (75% of available funding if AAR is completed).

The following named hospital is requesting funding for attendance at one of the two H1N1 After Action Conferences: **\$1,000** (25% of available funding if the hospital has at least one representative at either Conference).

The following named hospital declines to participate in this project.

Hospital	
Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
NIMS Compliance	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

The following will serve as an electronic signature if this Application is emailed to your Regional Hospital Preparedness Coordinator (see Attachment Two). Otherwise, this Attachment should be sent by FAX or postal mail to your Regional Hospital Preparedness Coordinator.

Name	
Title	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	

The Application Approval or Declination Letter will be sent by February 19, 2010 to the email address listed above along with a template After Action Report (if approved) and further information about the H1N1 After Action Conferences.

For further information about this grant opportunity, please contact your Regional Hospital Preparedness Coordinator.

Attachment Two

Wisconsin Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program (WHEPP) Regional Project Coordinators

