Johnson County Coronavirus Relief Fund
Mental Health Grant Pre-Application Briefing
October 16, 2020
Purpose of Today’s Call

• Provide brief overview of Federal CARES Act
• Provide overview of Johnson County government’s process to determine community priorities for the allocation of $35 million in CARES Act funding
• Share JoCo’s COVID Relief Fund (CRF) $2 million grant opportunity for mental health, behavioral health, substance misuse and use nonprofit orgs that serve JoCo residents
• Provide an overview of eligible and ineligible organizations and expenses
• Review application process and grant requirements to be administered by intermediary—REACH Healthcare Foundation
• Answer your questions to the best of our ability
CARES Act Overview

- Signed into law March 27, 2020
- Established $150 Billion Coronavirus Relief Fund for states, counties and cities to respond to pandemic
- Deadline for funds to be spent is currently December 30, 2020
- Has 4 funding streams
Assistance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments

Covers expenses that are:

1. Necessary due to COVID-19;
2. Not accounted for in the most recently approved budget (as of 3/27/20); and

https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/state-and-local-governments
Johnson County COVID Relief Funds (CRF)

• Johnson County received direct allocation from the federal government totaling $116,311,034
• State of Kansas received nearly $1 billion and allocated $400 million to Kansas counties, including about $7 million to Johnson County
• Johnson County established three-phased plan to fight the COVID-19 pandemic in its community
  – Phase 1: 40% - 50% of the allocation, focuses on the needs of local governments and other taxing jurisdictions within Johnson County
  – **Phase 2: 30% - 50% of the allocation, focuses on community re-investment**
  – Phase 3: 10% - 30% of the allocation, focuses on administrative and audit costs, contingency funds, additional re-investments in local government and the community, and accounting for any unused funds
Johnson County COVID Relief Funds (CRF)

- $35 Million for Phase 2 Community Reinvestment Funding
- JoCo Board of Commissioners identified six areas critical to community’s ongoing success and recovery
  - Housing
  - Mental Health
  - Aging
  - Small Business Assistance
  - Workforce Development
  - Digital access
Johnson County COVID Relief Funds (CRF)

• JoCo Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) appointed Community Reinvestment Committee (CRC) to consider funding proposals in each of 6 areas
• KU’s Public Management Center facilitated process engaging nearly 100 key stakeholders and subject matter experts assigned to “Strike Teams” for each of 6 areas
• Strike Teams recommended 14 proposals totaling $35,324,000 to CRC
• BOCC approved all 14 at full funding
COVID-19 Grant Support for Nonprofit Organizations Providing Mental Health Services and Supports

• $2 million available for nonprofit or government organizations that provide mental health, behavioral health, substance misuse or abuse programs or services to vulnerable JoCo residents

• Grants up to $50,000 to reimburse for COVID-19 expenses incurred between March 1 - December 30, 2020 and are
  – Allowable;
  – Documented; and
  – Unbudgeted as of March 27, 2020
Why REACH?

- Johnson County needed an existing intermediary with capacity to administer and account for federal grant funding.
- REACH has grants management, due diligence, and reporting processes already in place.
- REACH shares the county’s goal of getting funds out as quickly and efficiently as possible.
Important to Note

- Grants are NOT for services provided by eligible organizations, only administrative and operating expenses directly related to COVID-19
- REACH is a subrecipient grantee of Johnson County Government for funds received from Federal Government and State of KS—we are a pass-through and play by their rules
- CARES Act funds are separately held from REACH’s endowment and annual grantmaking
- REACH will receive a small fee to administer, account for and audit these funds
What the CARES Act Requires

• “Necessary due to COVID-19” means actions to:
  - Respond to COVID-19
  - Prevent COVID-19, or
  - Mitigate against COVID-19

• CARES Act requires Compliance with *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* sections:
  ▪ 200.303 Internal Controls,
  ▪ 200.330 - 200.332 Subrecipient Monitoring, and
  ▪ Subpart F Auditing requirements

What the CARES Act Requires

• Documentation to show costs “have been or will be” paid with only one source (includes federal, state, or local funds, insurance proceeds for claims, or donations)

• Verification that no duplication of funding exists
  – Document total need
  – Document all resources available to address
  – Remaining unmet need is the maximum assistance, within program guidelines
Documentation to be Retained for 5 Years

• Policies and Procedures
• Applications (all received, those approved and denied)
• Evidence of all eligibility requirements
• Agreements
• Reports
• Correspondence
• Expenditures documentation
• Monitoring documentation, including clearing any issues identified

Records to be maintained for 5 years from Johnson County’s last CRF Payment (likely well into 2021)
Eligible Organizations

• 501(c)3 organization or governmental entity
• Provider of mental health, behavioral health and/or substance misuse and abuse programs and services to vulnerable Johnson County residents – do NOT have to be domiciled in JoCo
• Incurred expenses
  – directly related to COVID-19;
  – incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020; and
  – not accounted for in organization’s budget as of March 27, 2020
Organization Requirements

- Provide detailed documentation such as receipts and invoices as part of application
- Attest no reimbursement has been received from any other funding source, public or private, for requested expenses
- Annual Audit
- Accept payment via ACH
Expenses Eligible for Reimbursement

Allowable expenditure categories for actual costs incurred to respond to COVID-19 impacts:

- **Administrative expenses** (i.e. marketing related to service delivery changes, additional janitorial or COVID-19 cleaning services, physical adaptations to workspace or client service delivery areas to allow for social distancing, etc.)
- **Economic support** other than small business, housing and food assistance (i.e. travel vouchers for clients, emergency assistance, child care, etc.)
- **Improvement of telework or telehealth capabilities** to deliver services to patients and clients (i.e. equipment, software licenses, hotspots, etc.)
- **Medical expenses** (i.e. medications, prescription assistance, uncollectible copays for uninsured, etc.)
- **Personal protective equipment** (PPE)
- **Other** (COVID-19 related expense not listed)

Incurred means delivery has been made, services and products have been received, and payment for them has been made.
Application Timeline

• Applications accepted on first-come, first-served rolling basis until all funds are expended or returned to Johnson County

• Turnaround estimated between 2-3 weeks
  – REACH Program Officers review application, verify eligibility of expenses and supporting documentation
  – REACH notifies applicant by email of decision to award, modify, or decline grant request
  – REACH submits request to JoCo for review, documentation testing and approval
  – REACH receives requested funds from JoCo via ACH
  – REACH issues electronic grant agreement to grantee for signatures
  – REACH transfers funds to grantee via ACH upon receipt of signed agreement
Application Process

• Beginning Monday, October 19, 2020, eligible organizations may complete a simple, online application on GivingData, REACH’s grants management system.

• Link to application can be accessed via the Johnson County website, www.jocogov.org/JoCoCARES, as well as the Foundation’s website, www.reachhealth.org.

• Current or former REACH grantees may use their existing online account to auto-populate many of the application fields.

• New users will be required to create an account, which takes only a few minutes.

• Max reimbursement per organization is $50,000.
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