

# Finance Office Hours for Health Centers

## *Questions and Answers from the April 17, 2020 Session*

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### **Background**

This document summarizes questions received via the chat during the finance office hours for health centers. The session was attended by 407 participants from health centers, primary care associations, health center controlled networks, and national cooperative agreement entities funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration. Experts participating in the session have shared their responses to these questions.

For further answers related to questions and answers in this document, please contact NACHC at [trainings@nachc.org](mailto:trainings@nachc.org).

### **Disclaimer**

Information from this document was accurate as of April 17, 2020. Please check appropriate sources for more current and up to date information.

### **Questions**

**Question:** Our audit is not due until August 2020. Does the extension (to the one year grants) apply to audits coming due later this year?

**Response:** See <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/manage-your-grant/COVID-19-frequently-asked-questions>

**Question:** So, when you say can't use H8 for costs covered under 080: if 20% of a provider is covered under 080, can some or all of the remaining 80% be covered with H8?

**Response:** See <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/coronavirus-disease-2019/faq>

**Response:** Yes, you can use H8C or H8D funds to cover the portion of that provider's salary

that is not typically charged to the grant if all of the provider's time is typically spent on in-scope activities.

**Question:** Our Notice of Grant Award has only awarded 9 months of our funding, is rebudget rule (25%) based on the total or only what has been actually awarded?

**Response:** Refer to your Notice of Award or Grants Management Specialist.

**Response:** Total federal award is based on what was received. The approved budget is what the total year will be. 25% of overall federal award for the year is what the rule says.

**Question:** Where can I find the best guidance that explains the calculation for the forgiveness amount of the PPP funding?

**Response:** This is the authoritative site with resources and links on the Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program loans. These are not all inclusive, but this is what I consider the most authoritative:

<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/assistance-for-small-businesses>

**Question:** FQHC-LALs get no relief payments or funding. Any thoughts or ideas for alternatives?

**Response:** See <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/coronavirus-disease-2019/faq>

**Question:** I understand that we cannot 'double dip' grant funds, but the PPL will come in technically as a loan. Can we double dip for salaries and wages that are supported with H80 funds?

**Response:** See <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/coronavirus-disease-2019/faq>

**Question:** To confirm: if I typically spend approx 1/12th of my H080 each month, can I now skip 2 months and rather spend it over 10 months to accomodate 8-week PPP forgiveness period?

**Response:** Refer to your Notice of Award or Grants Management Specialist

**Question:** Are you able to use H8D funds to purchase a new accounting system?

**Response:** See <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/cares-supplemental-funding>

**Question:** If our 330 grant is budgeted for 50% of everyones salaries, then would we have to rebudget the amount that we are going to use on our SBA PPP?

**Response:** See <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/coronavirus-disease-2019/faq>

**Question:** Do you have to re-budget 330 grant if the plan is still to use if for personnel costs but it could include different personnel positions than originally listed for the original budget?

**Response:** See <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/coronavirus-disease-2019/faq>

**Question:** Where can we find the guidance on the annual audit extensions in writing?

**Response:** See <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/manage-your-grant/COVID-19-frequently-asked-questions>

**Question:** What information is needed by HRSA for the Covid-19 and Cares funding?

**Response:** See <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/coronavirus-disease-2019> and <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/cares-supplemental-funding>

**Question:** Did you say we need to rebudget if we have a \$0 on supply line in Federal?

**Response:** Refer to your Notice of Award or Grants Management Specialist

**Question:** Where can we find the guidance on the annual audit extensions in writing?

**Response:** See <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/manage-your-grant/COVID-19-frequently-asked-questions>

**Question:** Our previously allocated budgeted salaries under the H80 grant were predicated on certain income projections that have been DRAMATICALLY affected by this crisis. Since the majority of our staff is still working because of telehealth and the needs of our vulnerable AIDS population, will we be able to use some of these funds to cover staff? Also, can we use funds to upgrade our grants and cash management systems? Finally, could we use the funds to engage BKD to help us create a more robust management system and finance department?

**Response:** See <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/coronavirus-disease-2019/faq>

**Question:** Where can we find technical assistant to add the new grants to our EHB?

**Response:** See <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/h8c-h8d> or contact [Health Center Program Support](#)

**Question:** I thought some of the procurement requirements were lifted?

**Response:** See <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/manage-your-grant/COVID-19-frequently-asked-questions>

**Question:** Does the SF 424 Submission requirement for H8D due May 8 count as prior approval? We need to add funds for supplies.

**Response:** See <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/cares-supplemental-funding>

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