



Date: April 16, 2021

To: Community Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Condition (ICF/IIDs)

Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)

Home and Community-based Services (HCS)

Subject: Information Letter No. 2021-18
Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV)
Assistance to Providers for Persons with Disabilities

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has announced that funds are available to assist with pandemic response expenses. Certain residential providers are eligible for reimbursement for costs incurred in response to COVID-19. Approximately \$4.5 million in assistance is available through TDHCA, which received funding through the federal CARES Act, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV).

TDHCA has determined that eligible residential providers include the following:

- Home and Community-Based Services (HCS) Program Providers serving people in 3-person residences, 4-person residences, and host home/companion care homes.
- Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD) Waiver providers serving people in an assisted living residence with no more than 6 people.
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)-Adult Mental Health Program serving people in assisted living, supervised living, and host home/companion care homes.

- Boarding Homes that have been issued permits in Brenham, Dallas, El Paso, and San Antonio.
- Community Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Conditions (ICF-IIDs).

For more information, please see the attached one-page description of Community Development Block Grant CARES Act provided by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Sincerely,

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Office of Policy and Program
Medicaid and CHIP Services

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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Eligible providers may apply for reimbursement for expenses they incurred as far back as March 13, 2020 and through the date their application is submitted. Eligible costs for reimbursement include PPE for staff and residents, increases in staffing costs, and costs associated with quarantining residents who were moved to motels.

A program portal will become available on April 15, 2021 at <https://www.cdbgtx.com/>. The portal includes FAQs, a sample application and instructions, and materials provided by TDHCA. This portal is also where applications will be submitted. Providers are encouraged to submit questions through the portal before the application period begins, as questions cannot be answered once application acceptance is open or after the application period ends.

The application period is anticipated to be June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Providers will use the portal to complete the application provided, upload supporting documentation, and electronically sign an attestation.

MHMR Tarrant and The Harris Center are administering the management and distribution of the funding from TDHCA for this program. MHMR Tarrant and The Harris Center will review and issue approvals, denials, and partial denials on behalf of TDHCA. An appeal process will be in place for applicants who receive a denial or partial denial. Eligible providers are invited to apply for these funds for all expenses that have supporting documentation. Eligible providers may not apply for expenses that have been reimbursed or paid for by another source.

For additional questions, please contact: Molly.hurst@mhmrtc.org.