



HEALTHCARE GRANTS AWARDED AS OF APRIL 20, 2020

CONTEXT

The vast majority of COVID-19 patients are not in hospitals but in their communities and, either unaware of their status or unable to self-isolate, can easily spread the disease. To stop the spread, the Fund has awarded grants to ensure testing, care and opportunities for self-quarantine are made available as broadly and efficiently as possible, with special attention to vulnerable populations such as pregnant women, the homeless, and those seeking treatment for substance abuse disorder.

The New Jersey state legislature established four non-profit Regional Health Hubs to coordinate community health services in their areas. These four organizations are working with their community partners on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response. Distributing grants to these groups will ensure that the funding is equitable, efficient and effective.

An additional grant, to Catholic Charities, in Newark, funds a pilot program to address the particular needs of individuals in homeless shelters. Once rolled out in Newark, the program can be replicated for shelters around the state.

THE GRANTS

- ▶ **THE CAMDEN COALITION** will (1) provide support to the City of Camden's testing site – ensuring that the 100+ individuals tested daily are able to receive needed social services, from providing transportation to the site to ensuring that any food insecurity, housing and mental health needs are addressed; (2) leverage its Health Information Exchange platform to allow multiple service providers to track results and patients; and (3) provide telemedicine support to homeless shelters.
- ▶ **THE HEALTH COALITION OF PASSAIC COUNTY** will (1) support walk-up testing sites for those without cars; (2) support telemedicine for uninsured community members; and (3) provide quarantine space for partners serving vulnerable populations at the Paterson residential treatment centers Straight and Narrow and Eva's Village.
- ▶ **THE GREATER NEWARK HEALTHCARE COALITION** will address the needs of pregnant women in Newark by (1) creating Mom Kits that would include blood pressure cuffs and thermometers so women could track their blood pressure and temperature and track for potential COVID-19 symptoms in conjunction with telemedicine appointments; and (2) establish a virtual platform to provide postpartum and lactation support for new moms.
- ▶ **THE TRENTON HEALTH TEAM** will (1) support the Mercer County Testing site, including the establishment of a mobile testing unit for those without cars; and (2) will provide technical support to community-based organizations rolling out telehealth programs in conjunction with the Henry J. Austin Health Center.
- ▶ **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**, in collaboration with the City of Newark's Health Department, will establish telemedicine programs and functionality in the two new temporary shelters in the City of Newark. This will allow individuals to be isolated and receive medical support while remaining in the shelters, helping to slow the spread of the virus.