



Infection Prevention and Control – Grant Opportunity (IPC GO)

Funded by the Arizona Department of Health Services ♦ Administered by the Arizona Health Care Association

Application for Grant Funding

The ***Infection Prevention and Control – Grant Opportunity (IPC GO)*** is a new program focused on helping assisted living centers (11+ beds) and skilled nursing facilities to attain the highest level of infection prevention and control. IPC GO is funded by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) using federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awards.

One-time funding is available to each skilled nursing facility or assisted living center for infection prevention and control purposes for the category items referenced on this application. To receive dollars immediately, keep your total request in the \$20,000 range. Please note that \$100,000 per facility is the maximum award available and requests above \$20,000 may require additional documentation. **All IPC GO applications must be submitted to AHCA by October 15, 2023.** These grant funds must be spent in their entirety by approved providers by May 1, 2024.

Each skilled nursing facility or assisted living center must complete an application identifying the items to be purchased with these grant funds. Once the application is received, we will notify you of its approval. Then you will receive an attestation and a required survey. Once the survey is completed and the attestation is signed and returned, the funds from the Arizona Health Care Association (AHCA) will be disbursed.

These funds can be audited at any time by federal or state authorities, so you must keep your receipts on file and available for review. IPC GO payments are subject to recoupment if an audit determines that services were not provided as requested and specified in the IPC GO approved signed and dated application, if billing or payment was improper, or duplicate payments for products or services occurred.

If you have further questions about the IPC GO grant, please contact the AHCA office at 602-265-5331 or email dvoepel@azhca.org.



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☐ Skilled Nursing Facility

☐ Assisted Living Center (+11 bed)

Facility Name (DBA): _____

Formal Name (If different then above): _____

NPI Number: _____

AHCCCS Medicaid Number: _____

Contact Name: _____ Title/Position: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Facility Telephone: _____ Contact Cell: _____

Contact Email: _____

IPC GO Facility Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

NOTE:

Allowable activities include but are not limited to:

- Strategies to retain and support existing staff and attract new staff to assist with staffing shortages,
- Access to technology to support remote consultations and in-person visits, access to technology to enhance surveillance and reporting of emerging pathogens, complications from infection (e.g., hospitalization), and measures to prevent infection (e.g., vaccination)
- Access to testing supplies or equipment needed to detect pathogens and assist with implementation of infection prevention and control activities
- Access to technology, staffing, supplies to support vaccination efforts
- Conducting environmental assessments (e.g., ventilation)
- Providing N95 fit testing supplies and staff training
- Services for facility healthcare personnel, nonclinical staffing to assist with activities such as monitoring and auditing infection control practices, vaccination, or managing testing and screening procedures.
- All applicants must follow communicable disease reporting rules under [R9-6-202](#) to your local health department.

Examples of allowable items intended to enhance infection prevention and control activities are listed below.

For each item you wish to purchase, indicate the quantity and an estimate of the total cost of the items.

Item	Quantity	Estimated Total Cost
Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) Resources: *** Highly Recommended for SNFs ***		
○ Essentials of Infection Prevention and Control in Long-term Care online course \$195 member / \$270 Non-member		
○ One- year membership to national APIC and the local APIC Grand Canyon Chapter \$240 per person		
○ APIC Infection Prevention Guide to Long-term Care, 2nd edition \$119 Member / \$149 Non-member		
○ Cost of the APIC LTC-CIP certification examination (Reimbursement provided after successfully passing the test) \$410 per person		
○ Educational materials to prepare for the LTC-CIP certification examination		
○ Other APIC resources (please specify):		
Staff Retention: Purchasing of a staff satisfaction program that focuses on the first 100 days of employment, which is when most turnover occurs. Several models are on the market (e.g., RETAIN) and have proven efficacy. Turnover is the greatest concern with the frontline staffing component and especially with Infection Preventionists.		
Staff Education Through Outside Programming or Direct In-Services: Facilities may wish to bring in state or nationally recognized training experts in IPC and this would cover speaker or training costs.		

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Fit Testing, Training and Supplies: Professional training for N-95 fitting is essential and can be secured with local companies. Each facility should also have the essential supplies for this training. Technical assistance may be purchased from consultants to develop an effective respiratory protection program that includes a train-the-trainer approach to fit-testing. Additionally, funds can be used to purchase quantitative fit-testing machines for a more objective, faster method of fit-testing compared to qualitative fit-testing methods.		
Alcohol-Based Hand Rub (ABHR) Dispensers: These dispensers are proven resources in hand hygiene and are utilized by most skilled nursing facilities, but few assisted living centers. This would be considered “seed money” in the purchasing of the dispensers to enable placement both outside and inside all resident rooms (in skilled nursing facilities) and at various location in assisted living centers. The alcohol-based hand sanitizer would be an on-going cost, but these funds would establish the initial system.		
Air Exchange / HVAC Equipment / Portable HEPA Air Purifiers: Portable HEPA air purifying machines help reduce transmission in semi-private rooms when a resident is infected with an organism spread by droplet transmission (e.g., influenza, COVID-19) and cannot be moved to a private room, or the facility has no airborne infection isolation room. <i>Approved applicants may be required to provide outcome measures and metrics, depending upon the expenditure.</i>		
UV Light Disinfecting Robot or UV Disinfecting Equipment for supplemental environmental disinfection of resident rooms.		
Kiosk Screening Tool: Electronic visitor monitoring programs and equipment that provide easy and effective visitor screening, essential to IPC and outbreak management. Many facilities use paper models that are administratively burdensome.		
PPE Stock to build a reserve supply for use during surge demand (e.g., during outbreaks of multidrug-resistant organisms, norovirus, influenza, COVID-19).		
Purchase of blood pressure cuffs, glucometers, and other resident care equipment to enable facilities to dedicate these items to each resident.		
ATP or Fluorescent Marker Kits for evaluating Environmental Services cleaning and disinfection processes.		
Isolation Carts or Door Hangers for PPE storage at point of use.		
New shower chairs to replace torn or damaged chairs. Damaged shower chairs are difficult to keep clean, and can be a source of infection if not kept clean. To enhance infection prevention, replace old, torn, worn out chairs.		
Linen storage cabinets for shower/bathing areas to provide covered storage for clean towels.		
Shower caddies for each resident to take their own supplies of toiletries into the shower, to avoid shared use of these products.		

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Other, please specify: (for items not on the list but your facility has need of them to enhance your infection prevention program).		

Total Funds Requested _____

Facility Name

Chief Executive Officer/
Person Responsible

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Return this application to:
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Approved by: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Amount: _____