



As part of President Biden’s continued efforts to ensure equity is at the center of the Administration’s COVID-19 response, the Biden-Harris Administration is [announcing](#) a series of actions to expand access to COVID-19 vaccines to the hardest-hit and highest-risk communities across the country.

Among these efforts, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is announcing that, beginning April 1, it will invest over \$6 billion in Community Health Centers to expand access to vaccines in underserved communities.

These dollars will fund nearly [1,400 HRSA-funded Community Health Centers](#) nationwide to expand COVID-19 vaccinations, testing, and treatment for vulnerable populations; deliver preventive and primary health care services to people at higher risk for COVID-19; and expand health centers’ operational capacity during the pandemic and beyond, including modifying and improving physical infrastructure and adding mobile units.

[Read OPCA's press release](#)

Health Center Program Bulletin



Health centers will have 60 days following the upcoming fiscal year 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (H8F) Funding for Health Centers award release to submit information about planned activities and costs to be supported by the funding. Visit the [H8F technical assistance](#)

[page](#) for the award submission guidance, information about upcoming question and answer sessions for recipients, and more.

WHAT: American Rescue Plan Act Funding Question & Answer Session

WHEN: Thursday, April 8, 10:00-11:00 AM PT

[Join the day of the session](#)

If you prefer to join by phone: 833-568-8864.

When prompted, enter meeting/webinar ID: 160 299 2757.

Oregon CHC Week at the Capitol Social Media Campaign: March 29-April 2

WHAT: Oregon CHC Week at the Capitol social media campaign

WHEN: March 29-April 2

WHO: Everyone who values CHCs

WHY: Since we can't gather as a large group in Salem, we are asking you to join in this social media campaign during the week of March 29-April 2 to help amplify the positive impact and value of Oregon's CHCs with members of Oregon's Legislature.

[Click here to learn more and download the social media toolkit](#) for graphics and selfie signs you can use to add your voice to Oregon's Community Health Movement.



Community Project Funding Applications Due Soon



The U.S. House of Representatives will begin accepting requests for Community Project Funding (CPF). Formerly known as earmarks, the reformed and transparent Community Project Funding process will allow Members of Congress to advocate for specific community needs and deliver federal resources to help the people of Oregon.

If you have a project in mind in your health center or community now is the time to act. **Project submissions are due April 5.** [OPCA's CPF Project document](#) explains the process. Please [contact Marty](#) with questions or for how to submit your Community Project Funding request.

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