



COVID-19 DETECTION AND MITIGATION IN CONFINEMENT FACILITIES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) Program established the Detection & Mitigation of COVID-19 in Confinement Facilities (CDMCF) program using funding made available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This program's goal is to assist health departments and correctional authorities in implementing COVID-19 detection and mitigation strategies in confinement facilities. Seven hundred million dollars in funding was provided to 64 state, local, and territorial health department recipients.

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2 authorized the provision of federal funding to the following 64 state, local, and territorial health department recipients:

- The 50 states
- Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Marshall Islands, the Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau
- The District of Columbia, New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles County, Philadelphia, Houston

FUNDING FORMULA

A total of \$700,000,000 was awarded to the 64 ELC recipients. Awards were made according to a formula based on a recipient's jurisdictional incarcerated population divided into the total national incarcerated population.

PURPOSE OF FUNDING

The funding supports confinement facilities with the detection and mitigation of COVID-19. For example, facilities can use the funding to establish testing programs that incorporate updated CDC guidance; enhance facility ventilation systems; purchase hardware/software necessary to report to and coordinate with public health departments; hire personnel to analyze and implement policies to safely reduce vulnerable populations in facilities; or purchase video conferencing technology for residents to access programming, education, and visitation while in medical isolation, or to support access to telehealth services. State recipients must support units of local government within their jurisdiction to reach the fullest complement of confinement facilities in the state.

FUNDING GUIDANCE

The Detection & Mitigation of COVID-19 in Confinement Facilities Guidance is the governing document that outlines funding requirements, allowable costs, and required and optional activities.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in partnership with the CDC, provides technical assistance to recipients and corrections authorities through the COVID-19 Detection and Mitigation in Confinement Facilities Training and Technical Assistance Center (CDMCF TTA Center).

TIMELINE

The project period to complete activities is August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024.