

Summary of Information
Adventist Health Seismic Compliance Plan and MCHCD Coordination

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- Chip Faulmann, Administrative Director, Adventist Health Office of Design and Construction, contacted the Chair on March 22, 2023, inquiring whether MCHCD wants to be folded into the 2030 Seismic Compliance Plan that Adventist has developed for twelve of its hospitals. The Adventist goals are to maintain consistency using the same architecture and structural engineering firms system-wide, while meeting the compliance milestones set by HCAI/OSHPD to achieve compliance by 2030.
- The milestone for NPC Evaluation submission to OSHPD is January 1, 2024, per the California Administrative Code, Chapter 6 and applies to MCHCD. (The date that the Lease Agreement with Adventist commits MCHCD to present a Seismic compliance plan to Adventist is January 1, 2025.)
- To participate with the Adventist Compliance Team and Strategy, MCHCD would need to fund their share of the costs of a site feasibility study, enrollment in the Small and Rural Hospital Relief Program (SRHRP) grant, operational plan development and meeting the NPC Evaluation requirements. The budget that Adventist developed for this work for MCHCD is \$325K.
- Following discussion with the Chair and with Andrew Flanigan from the Devenney Group, Chip Faulmann revised his proposal to MCHCD to recommend that MCHCD continue to work with the Devenney Group (instead of folding in with the Adventist architecture and structural engineering firms) with some added scope of work to meet the NPC (Non-structural) requirements that must be submitted to HCAI/OSHPD by January 1, 2024, which include NPC 5. These plans need to align with the hospital's EOP and utility plans.
- The additional scope of work for Devenney will need to include calculations to determine any reclassification that is possible regarding wood frame performance. HCAI/OSHPD may revise the requirements for wood frame buildings and/or there may be additional legislation regarding these requirements in the CAC for 2030 seismic compliance. There are also the possibilities outlined in AB 869 to provide additional relief for small and rural hospitals and special districts.
- Under the revised Adventist proposal, MCHCD would apply independently to the Small and Rural Hospital Relief Program for a grant to mitigate the cost of Devenney's work on evaluating the retrofit option for the Coast Hospital and meeting the HCAI/OSHPD milestone of January 1, 2024. Devenney and Adventist will assist as needed in this process.
- Chip Faulmann's recommendation going forward is to integrate the MCDCH plan from Devenney with the Adventist Health plan in the first quarter of 2024 so that a full system recommendation and path forward can be made, if retrofitting the existing hospital is the path chosen by MCHCD.

Seismic Regulation Timeline & Requirements

**Capital Committee Request
January 12, 2023**

Seismic Regulations – Path Forward & Requirements



Site Assessment

- Feasibility Studies (SPC)
- Nonstructural Evaluation (NPC)
- Focus on Defend in Place Approach

Emergency Operations and Water Rationing Plans

Grant Program Enrollment

- Seismic Compliance Plan
- SRHRP Enrollment

Document Analysis

- SPC & NPC Summary Reports
- Updated Concept Estimates

Path Forward Analysis

- Defend in Place
- Removal from Acute Care Services
- Facility/Building Replacement

Finalize Hospital, Market, and Network Approach

Development of Design

- Team Procurement
- Materials Testing and Investigations
- Permit Documents

HCAi Seismic Compliance Unit

- Engagement from Grant Program
- Assist with Analysis and Design
- Materials Testing Report Review

Construction Planning

- Preconstruction Team Procurement
- Disruption Impact and Phase Planning
- Budget and Timeline Development

Implement Seismic Compliance Approach

- Construction

Governing Regulations:

Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act (HFSSA) required by January 1, 2030 (SB 1953):

- Compliant with SPC 4/4D or SPC 5
- Compliant with NPC 3, NPC 4/4D, and NPC 5
 - Can include Operational Plan

California Administrative Code (CAC), Chapter 6, Article 1 Required Milestones:

- **January 1, 2024** – Submit Nonstructural Evaluation (NPC)
- January 1, 2026 – Submit Construction Documents (NPC)
- January 1, 2028 – Obtain Permit for NPC Compliance (NPC)
- January 1, 2030 – Construction Complete (NPC & SPC)

HCAi has the authority to hold issuance of facility building permits after January 1, 2024 if the CAC Milestone is not met

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Small and Rural Hospital Relief Program

Grantor: [Department of Health Care Access and Information](#)

Portal ID: 2187

Status: Active

Opportunity Type: Grant

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CATEGORIES:  [HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES](#)



Purpose:

With funding from the California Electronic Cigarette Excise Tax (Senate Bill 395, Chapter 489, Statutes of 2021), the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) is launching the Small and Rural Hospital Relief Program (SRHRP) to provide grants for seismic compliance projects. First round of funding projected to be available April 2023.

Description:

The Alfred E. Alquist Hospital Facilities Seismic Safety Act (Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 129675) requires that hospitals be constructed to remain open and safely provide services to the public after an earthquake. The Small and Rural Hospital Relief Program will administer this new grant program to eligible small, rural, or Critical Access hospitals that have limited funds for seismic safety retrofit requirements. Ten percent of the funds from the California Electronic Cigarette Excise Tax will be allocated to HCAI to fund the new program (HSC Section 130075).

The SRHRP supports qualified small, rural and Critical Access hospitals by providing state grant funding and technical assistance to help meet seismic safety standards and preserve access to general acute care for the communities they serve.

The program is being developed to assist qualified facilities with technical assistance for development of seismic improvement program planning, project planning and development, and financial grants to apply towards implementing each facility's unique compliance program. The first step in qualifying for the program will be the application process, which will be used to determine if facilities meet the qualifications as either a small, rural or Critical Access hospital at risk of closure for financial reasons.

Program applicants will be required to have current seismic compliance plans and agreed-upon project delivery plans on file with HCAI's Seismic Compliance Unit prior to acceptance of funding package applications. A process will be employed to optimize use of available funds across all program participants based on need and adherence to approved project schedules.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Applicants:

Nonprofit, Public Agency

Small hospitals defined as having fewer than 50 licensed medical/surgical beds

Eligible Geographies:

Rural hospitals defined as having a Rural or Frontier designation status in the Medical Service Study Area, and/or Critical Access Hospitals are those possessing this designation from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application deadline

Ongoing

Expected award announcement

Ongoing

Period of performance

Ongoing

FUNDING DETAILS

Total estimated available funding

See Notes Below

Expected number of awards

Dependent

Estimated amount per award

Dependent

Letter of Intent Required? Yes (see Description for details)

Requires Matched Funding? No

Available Funding Notes: The funding amount is determined by the amount of excise taxes collected from the sale of electronic cigarettes Current projections are \$2-3 million annually will be available to distribute. Grant funding will be awarded to eligible facilities based on project readiness, community need and financial status.

Funding Source: State

Funding Source Notes: The funding amount is determined by the amount of excise taxes collected from the sale of electronic cigarettes Current projections are \$2-3 million annually will be available to distribute.

Funding Method: Advances & Reimbursement(s)

Funding Method Notes: Grant awards can be applied towards initial seismic evaluations, design planning, or construction to meet seismic compliance.

HOW TO APPLY

State agencies/departments recommend you read the **full grant** guidelines before applying.

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