



Senior Tech Connect

COVID-19 Virtual Visitation Micro-Grant
For Assisted Care Living Facilities and Homes for the Aged

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic impacts every facet of life and can have a devastating impact on individuals with compromised immune systems. Seniors, in particular, are a priority risk group because of the high risk of complications with COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends nursing home and assisted living facilities implement aggressive social distancing and visitation restriction practices. While social distancing is intended to physically protect individuals from the virus, the unintended consequence of social isolation may occur. To support the health and quality of life of residents, the Shelby County Health Department and the Office of Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris have released the Senior Tech Connect micro grant for Assisted Care Living Facilities and Homes for the Aged to fund the implementation or expansion of virtual visitation available to residents.

Description

The Shelby County Health Department and the Office of Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris have launched Senior Tech Connect to provide micro-grants in the amount of \$5,000 to qualifying Assisted Care Living Facilities and Homes for the Aged to increase residents' access to virtual communication. The micro-grant can be used to implement, sustain or expand, the qualifying facility's capacity to offer virtual visitation to its residents. Devices, such as iPads, tablets, and webcams, and/or accessories, such as headphones, protective covers, sim cards, etc., can be purchased using these micro-grant funds. In addition, qualifying facilities may elect to use the micro-grant funds to support subscription fees for video conferencing services. All expenditures must be used only for the purposes of virtual visitation between residents and loved ones and telehealth visits.

Invitation

Licensed Assisted Care Living Facilities and Homes for the Aged, located within Shelby County, Tennessee are invited to apply for the Senior Tech Connect micro-grant by completing the attached application and providing a copy of the facility's W-9 Tax ID form. All applications must include a brief description of the facility's plan for use of the micro-grant funds, including what type of equipment will be used, how residents will access the purchased items, how residents will be educated or trained on the use of the equipment, and how equipment will be sanitized, if applicable.

Qualifications

Subject to the availability of funds and verification and approval of all required applicant information and documentation by Shelby County Government, each facility that meets the following qualifications may be awarded a micro-grant of \$5000.00 and will be notified within 48 hours of application submission.

- Must be an Assisted Care Living Facility or Home for the Aged located in Shelby County;
- Must submit a completed grant application along with a copy of a W-9 Tax ID form;
- Must have a current State of Tennessee license to operate as an Assisted Care Living Facility or Home for the Aged. The license of the applicant facility must be in good standing, i.e. not currently subject of disciplinary action, including but not limited to investigation or suspension by the State; and
- Grant application must be approved and signed by an individual on behalf of the facility with authority to accept the grant and bind the facility to the grant terms.

Additional Requirements:

If a facility is awarded and accepts the micro-grant, the following Grant Fund Requirements must be met:

- Micro-grant funds may only be used for Allowable Uses (see table below) and documentation of all expenditures, including purchase receipts, must be provided to Shelby County upon request. Micro-grant funds may not be used for any Non-Allowable Expenses.
- Micro-grant funds must be expended within 45 days of Notice of Award
- A Post-Award Summary Report detailing use of the micro-grant funds must be completed and submitted to Shelby County on or before October 31, 2020.

<i>Examples of Allowable Uses of funding, may include, but not limited to:</i>	
Devices	Accessories and Other
Amazon Echo Show iPad or iPad Mini Kindle Fire Microsoft Surface Samsung Galaxy Tablet Facebook portal Webcams	Protective covering that can be cleaned/disinfected Assistive adaptive equipment Headphones Tablet cleaning/disinfection products in accordance with recommendations of the manufacturer Sim Cards Software subscription fees

<i>Non-Allowable Expenses</i>
Administrative costs Construction Food Office supplies Utility fees

Should Shelby County Government, at its sole discretion, determine that a facility has failed to comply with any or all of these Grant Fund Requirements, the Assisted Care Living Facility or Home for the Aged accepting and receiving the grant may be required to return all or a portion of the micro-grant funds. Any decision regarding the amount of micro-grant funds that must be returned or repaid for failure to comply with the Grant Fund Requirements, up to and including repayment of the full amount of micro-grant award, shall be at the sole discretion of Shelby County Government.

ESTIMATED BUDGET:

If the project includes more items than will fit in the table below, please provide a complete record in an Appendix.

ITEM:	ESTIMATED COST:

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE HOW THIS PLAN WILL INCREASE VIRTUAL VISITATION ACCESS TO RESIDENTS:

<p>By signing this application, I certify and make oath that 1) I am a duly authorized representative of the applicant facility with the legal authority to make application for, and bind the applicant facility to the terms of, this grant and compliance with the Grant Fund Requirements, and 2) that the statements and information contained in this application, and any supporting documentation or materials referenced herein or submitted herewith, are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I further understand, acknowledge, and agree that if the applicant facility is awarded and accepts the micro-grant funds, the applicant facility must comply with the Grant Fund Requirements and any other requirements as established by Shelby County Government or, at Shelby County Government's sole discretion, return or repayment of some or all of the micro-grant funds awarded may be required and other criminal, civil, or administrative penalties may apply.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </div>
<p>SIGNATURE:</p> <p>PRINT NAME:</p> <p>PRINT TITLE:</p>	<p>DATE:</p>

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY**

Before me, _____, a Notary Public of the State and County mentioned, personally appeared _____, with whom I am personally acquainted (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence), and who, upon oath, acknowledged he/she executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

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