

# Strengthening HAI/AR Program Capacity Grant Application Information

- **Funding Period:** September 1, 2022 - July 31, 2024
- **Total available funds:** \$1,100,00.00 *\*Note: Funding is for the entirety of the funding period (2 years).*
- **Scope of Work:** Ensure that Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance (HAI/AR) prevention and response expertise is widely and rapidly available to provide support across the entirety of the State of Washington. This work is part of Washington's participation with the CDC to help establish a national HAI/AR Program Network to sustain and expand existing capacity for epidemiology and infection prevention and control activities; effectively prevent, detect, and respond to SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 and other HAI and AR threats in healthcare settings nationwide; and provide increased opportunities for support, coordination, and collaboration across programs.
- **Additional information:**
  - Examples of HAI/AR expertise include:
    - ability to perform onsite infection control assessments (ICARs) and provide onsite (or remote where appropriate) assistance, and
    - specialized knowledge and skills to evaluate transmission risks and provide effective initial consultation with healthcare facilities to address MDROs, suspected outbreaks or infection control breaches.
  - Workforce might take the form of Infections Preventionists, Epidemiologists, Program Managers, or other roles. This might also take the form of workforce dedicated to underserved populations or facilities, from a health equity lens.
  - Develop or reinforce mechanisms that enhance oversight, communication, and provision of direct technical assistance, training, and education across the jurisdiction.
  - Establish clearly defined workforce roles, responsibilities, and expectations for HAI/AR activities and program priorities across the jurisdiction as the workforce expands.