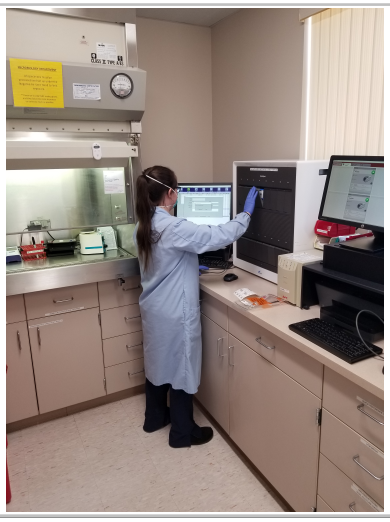
Colorado

Community Facilities• Grant Program

Helping Rural Hospitals in the Fight Against COVID-19

In Wray, Colorado, the Wray Community District Hospital was one of the first rural hospitals to be on allocation for the SARS COVID-19 PCR testing. Prior to receiving the new equipment, the hospital only had access to a small four bay test analyzer. This smaller

The equipment was a great fit for the Community Facilities (CF) Grant Program. The program provides essential community infrastructure to ensure that rural



A Lab Technician utilizing the new 12 bay Cepheid Analyzer.

USDA Rural Development provided a $50,000 CF Grant to support the purchase of a new larger Cepheid analyzer to aid in testing for the COVID-19 virus. Rapid testing allows hospitals to help patients trace, contain, and combat the spread of COVID-19. Being able to contact the customer with their test results within hours instead of days has helped reduce the impact of the virus on this small rural community. The new 12 bay test analyzer is able to provide results within 45 minutes! The equipment was delivered in October and has been

The addition of this equipment has improved the Lab Technician's time and speed in which the testing can be completed. The analyzer is heavily utilized for testing prior to surgeries and for a variety of other procedures. The equipment will

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Obligation Amount: $50,000 Community Facilities Grant

Date of Obligation: 8/14/2020

Congressional District: 4

Partners: Kitzmiller-Bales Trust Foundation Grant

Demographics: City of Wray , Yuma County, Colorado

Impact: Supporting rural healthcare services with equipment that allows COVID-19 test results within 45 minutes and multiple testing bays.