

# SEMC receives \$287K COVID response grant

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SLEEPY EYE - Sleepy Eye Medical Center was among 360 provider organizations across the state recently awarded emergency health care grants to prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sleepy Eye Medical Center was awarded \$287,059 and Oak Terrace Senior Housing of Gaylord \$25,654 from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) that awarded \$97.6 million in emergency grants.

Renville County Hospital and Clinics received \$216,488 and Oak Terrace Senior Housing of Gaylord received \$25,654 in grants.

About half of the \$97,558,183 in funds awarded went to providers for additional staffing costs, clinical services, training, outreach, management, coordination, response, screening and for personal protective equipment.

The grants were awarded to assisted living facilities, health care clinics, health centers, hospitals, health systems, pharmacies, ambulance services and tribal health.

Response funds remain available. Application reviews are still underway. The application process remains open until all funds have been spent. Organizations are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible.

Funds can be spent for:

- The establishment and operation of temporary sites to provide testing services, provide treatment beds, or to isolate or quarantine affected individuals.
- Temporary conversion of space for another purpose that will revert to its original use.
- Development and implementation of screening and testing procedures.
- Additional emergency transportation of patients.