

Strengthening Rural Community Colleges: Rural Health Grants

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FORHP Overview

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Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Overview



- Supports more than 90 programs that provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically challenged



- Over 3,000 awardees, including community and faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, hospitals, state, local, and tribal governments, and private entities



- Every year, HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people, including people with HIV/AIDS, pregnant people and their families, and those otherwise unable to access quality health care

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

Established in Section 711 of the Social Security Act

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) collaborates with rural communities and partners to support community programs and shape policy that will improve health in rural America.

Cross Agency Collaboration

Works across HRSA, HHS, and several other federal partners to accomplish its goals

Capacity Building

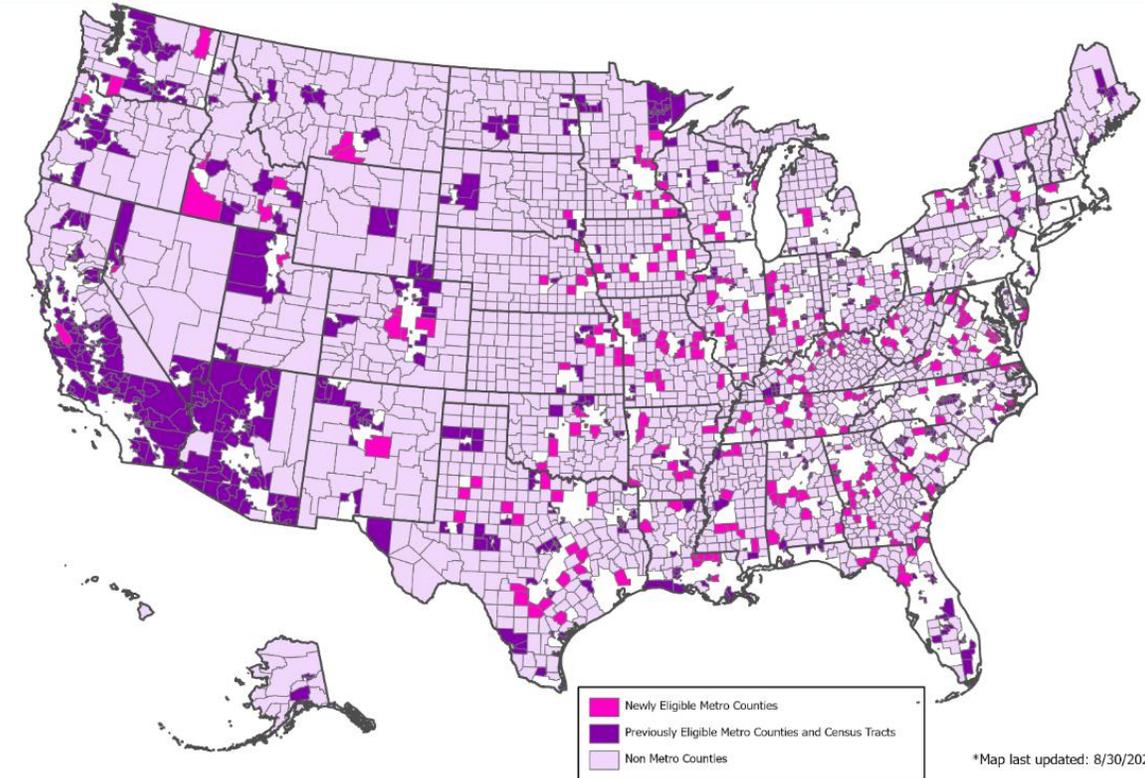
Increases access to health care for people in rural communities through grant programs and public partnerships

Voice for Rural

Advises the HHS Secretary on policy and regulation that affect rural areas



Counties and Census Tracts Eligible for FORHP Funding



FORHP Priorities



Community-Based Division



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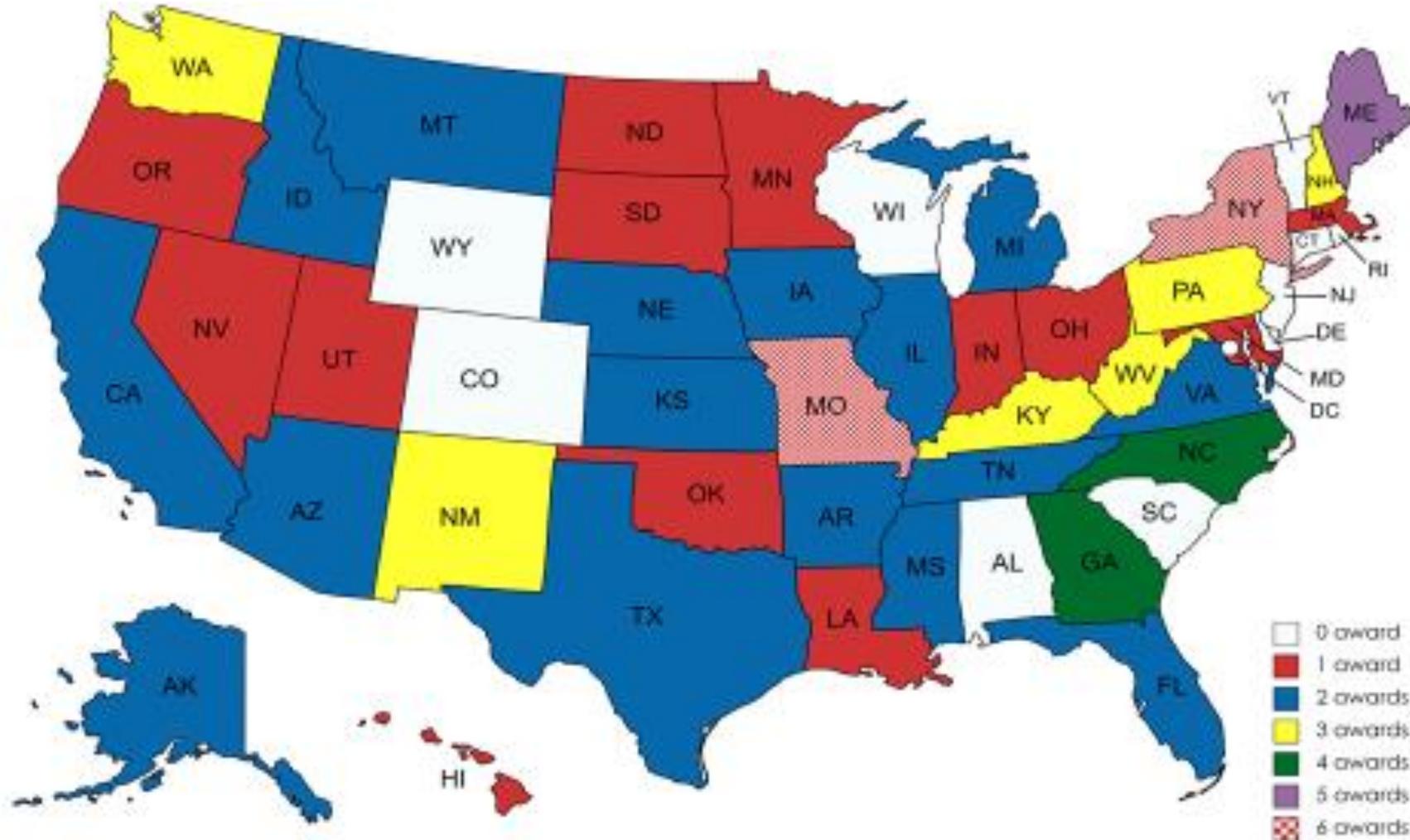
- Rural Health Care Services Outreach
- Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement
- Delta States Rural Development Network
- Black Lung Clinics
- Radiation Exposure Screening Education Program (RESEP)
- Pilot Programs



Capacity-Building

- Rural Health Network Development
- Rural Health Network Development Planning
- Pilot Programs

FY 2021 Community-Based Awardees



Workforce Funding from the American Rescue Plan

Focusing Solely on Rural Communities

Rural Public Health Training Workforce Program

- Goals:
 - Supporting networks linking educational entities, clinical sites, key workforce stakeholders
 - Linking the training directly to potential work sites through practicums and employment
 - Ensuring that the networks are community-focused and use a shared co-equal governance approach
 - Focusing on high-need communities and develop networks with a focus on diversity and health equity
- Four Tracks:
 - Community Health Workers
 - Community Paramedicine
 - Health Information Technology, Telehealth Technical Support
 - Respiratory Therapy and Case Management/Coordination



Rural Communities Opioid Response Program

Reducing SUD in Rural Communities

The [Rural Communities Opioid Response Program](#) is a multi-year \$575 million initiative launched in FY 2018 that provides direct funding and technical assistance to rural communities addressing behavioral health, including substance use disorder (SUD), needs.

- Since 2018, FORHP has made RCORP investments across 47 states and 2 territories, reaching 1,500+ rural counties
- The RCORP grant recipients active in FY 2020 provided direct services to more than 2 million rural patients
- RCORP programs continue to expand to more diverse and emerging areas:



Applying for HRSA Grants

Technical assistance and resources for applicants

- Reach out to the [HRSA Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs](#)
- Connect with your [State Office of Rural Health](#)
- Check out the one-stop rural resource [Rural Health Information Hub](#)
- Monitor [Grants.gov](#) for upcoming funding opportunities



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www.HRSA.gov

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Appendix A: Funding Opportunity Forecast



Community-Based Division Program Opportunities

Funding Forecast

	FY 2023	FY 2024
Rural Health Care Services Outreach*		
Rural Health Network Development*	NOFO Available Summer 2022 Project Period Start 7/1/2023	
Rural Health Network Development Planning	NOFO Available Fall 2022 Project Period Start 7/1/2023	NOFO Available Fall 2023 Project Period Start 7/1/2024
Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement*		
Delta States Rural Development Network*	NOFO Available Fall 2022 Project Period Start 8/1/2023	

*As a result of the 2020 CARES Act reauthorization legislation, beginning in fiscal year 2021 this program will be competed every four years.



Rural Strategic Initiatives Division

Funding Opportunity Forecast

	FY 2023	FY 2024
RCORP-Tribal Behavioral Health	NOFO available Fall 2022 Project Start Date: 9/1/2023	
RCORP-Evaluation	NOFO available Fall/Winter 2022 Project Start Date: 9/1/2023	
RCORP-Rural Centers of Excellence on Substance Use Disorder	NOFO available Winter 2022 Project Start Date: 9/1/2023	
RCORP-Rapid Overdose Response	NOFO available Fall 2022 Project Start Date: 9/1/2023	NOFO available Fall 2023 Project Start Date: 9/1/2024
Rural Health Clinic Behavioral Health Program	NOFO available Winter 2022/3 Project Start Date: 9/1/2023	

All programs contingent on FY23 appropriation/availability of funds



Appendix B: Resources



Resources

Rural Health Information Hub (RHIfhub)

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Rural Healthcare Workforce

Maintaining the healthcare workforce is fundamental to providing access to quality healthcare in rural areas. Rural healthcare facilities must employ enough healthcare professionals to meet the needs of the community. They must have proper licensure, adequate education and training, and cultural competency skills. Equally important, optimizing how health professionals are used and enhancing coordination among them helps ensure that patients are getting the best care possible.

Strategies can include:

- Using interprofessional teams to provide coordinated and efficient care for patients and to extend the reach of each provider
- Ensuring that all professionals are fully utilizing their skill sets and working at the top of their license; that is, practicing to the full extent of their training and allowed scope of practice.
- Removing state and federal barriers to professional practice, where appropriate
- Changing policy to allow alternative provider types, once evidence shows they can provide quality care

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Rural Healthcare Workforce – Funding & Opportunities

For additional funding options, please see RHIfhub's [Online Library: Funding & Opportunities](#)

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Narrow by type **Narrow by geography** **Narrow by topic**

Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program

Loan repayment for undergraduate and graduate health professional educational loans in return for full-time clinical service in Indian Health Service programs.

Geographic coverage: Nationwide

Application Deadline: Aug 15, 2019

Sponsors: Indian Health Service, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

NIDDK Education Program Grants (R25 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Grants to support educational activities that complement and/or enhance the training of a workforce to meet the nation's biomedical, behavioral and clinical research needs. Institutions are encouraged to diversify their student and faculty populations to enhance the participation of individuals from groups identified as underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral and social sciences.

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Rural Healthcare Workforce – Models and Innovations

These stories feature model programs and successful rural projects that can serve as a source of ideas and provide lessons others have learned. Some of the projects or programs may no longer be active. Read about the [criteria and evidence-base](#) for programs included.

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Promising Examples

High Plains Community Health Center Care Teams

Updated/reviewed February 2019

- **Need:** Meeting health care demands in a region with a limited number of physicians, where recruiting additional providers is considered impractical.
- **Intervention:** Using the additional support of health coaches, implementation of care teams consisting of 3 medical assistants to support each provider.
- **Results:** More patients seen per provider hour, with improved patient outcomes and clinic cost savings.



<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/>



FORHP Weekly Announcements

Focus on ...

- ✓ Rural-focused Funding opportunities
- ✓ Policy and Regulatory Developments Affecting Rural Providers and Communities
- ✓ Rural Research findings
- ✓ Policy updates from a Rural Perspective

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U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
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Announcements from the
Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

July 15, 2021

What's New

HHS Boosts Funding for COVID-19 Response in Rural Areas. On Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) announced \$398 Million for COVID-19 testing and mitigation. The funds will be distributed by State Offices of Rural Health to 1,540 rural hospitals through the [Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program](#).

One Month Left to Enroll in, or Change, Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage. Last week, HHS released a report on current [trends and challenges to accessing affordable health care in rural America](#). Analysts found that, although uninsured rates have fallen in rural areas, other barriers to care such as geographic distances, infrastructure limitations, and provider shortages contribute to rural health disparities. The report comes one month before the special enrollment period [for qualified individuals and families](#) ends on August 15. As noted in the HHS brief, 65 percent of the 1.9 million rural uninsured individuals in [HealthCare.gov states](#) may be able to find a zero-premium plan on the platform.

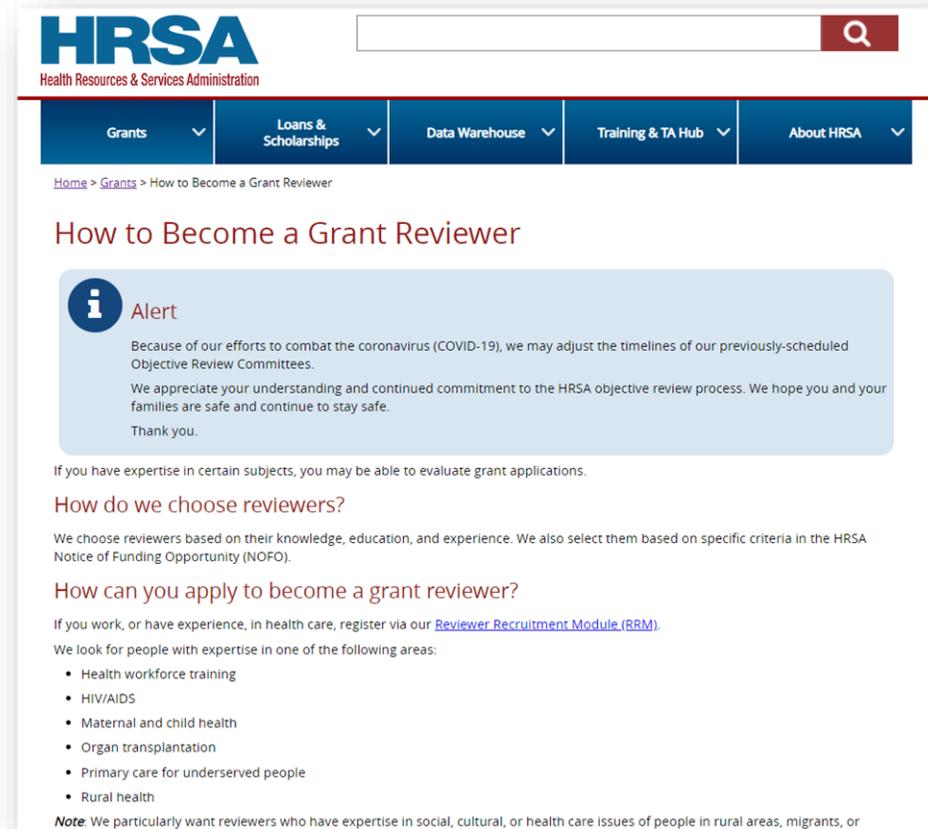
NOSORH Accepting 2021 Community Star Nominations. The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) seeks nominations until August 2 of individuals, organizations, or consortia making a big difference in the health of rural communities.

COVID-19 Resources

Rural Health Clinic Vaccine Distribution (RHCVD) Program. Under the program, Medicare-certified RHCs will receive direct COVID-19 vaccines in addition to their normal jurisdictions' weekly allocation. Contact RHCvaxDistribution@hrsa.gov for more information.

HRSA Needs Your Help!

Consider Being a HRSA Grant Reviewer



The screenshot shows the HRSA website header with the logo and navigation menu. The main content area is titled "How to Become a Grant Reviewer" and includes an alert box about COVID-19 adjustments to review timelines. Below the alert, there is a section titled "How do we choose reviewers?" and another titled "How can you apply to become a grant reviewer?" which lists various expertise areas.

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How to Become a Grant Reviewer

i Alert
Because of our efforts to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19), we may adjust the timelines of our previously-scheduled Objective Review Committees.
We appreciate your understanding and continued commitment to the HRSA objective review process. We hope you and your families are safe and continue to stay safe.
Thank you.

If you have expertise in certain subjects, you may be able to evaluate grant applications.

How do we choose reviewers?

We choose reviewers based on their knowledge, education, and experience. We also select them based on specific criteria in the HRSA Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

How can you apply to become a grant reviewer?

If you work, or have experience, in health care, register via our [Reviewer Recruitment Module \(RBM\)](#).

We look for people with expertise in one of the following areas:

- Health workforce training
- HIV/AIDS
- Maternal and child health
- Organ transplantation
- Primary care for underserved people
- Rural health

Note: We particularly want reviewers who have expertise in social, cultural, or health care issues of people in rural areas, migrants, or

<https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/reviewers>

