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Mission:

Promote the availability of quality health care for all rural and medically underserved Alabamians.

Services:

Collect and disseminate information relating to rural health issues and needs; coordinate statewide rural health resources and activities; provide technical assistance to rural health providers and related entities; facilitate recruitment and retention of health professionals in rural areas; participate in strengthening state, local and federal partnerships.

2009 Impact Example:

The Alabama State Office of Rural Health partnered with the federal Office of Rural Health Policy and several state organizations to spearhead a Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services initiative with the Auburn University School of Pharmacy. This initiative employed the services of volunteer pharmacists to improve the treatment outcome of diabetes patients at a Federally Qualified Health Center. Target outcomes include improvements in patient counseling, medication reconciliation, drug information services, provider education and significant improvements in management of chronic diabetes. This project is being closely monitored for possible replication throughout the state.

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 3
 Total Annual Budget: \$1,504,512
 Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 69% State – 31% Other – 0%
 Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ✓ SORH ✓ FLEX ✓ PCO ✓ SHIP ✓ Other

State at a Glance:

State Population: 4,708,708
 % of Population Considered Rural: 34%
 Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals	3	Rural Hospitals	56
Rural Health Clinics	54	Rural FQHC/CHS Sites	130
Local Public Health Units	91		

Alabama Rural Health Grants

Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program (H37)

[Birmingham Health Care, Inc.](#)

Grant No: H37RH00068

FY 2010 Amount: \$222,267

Congressionally-Mandated Health Information Technology Grants (D1B)

[Infirmiry Health System, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20415

FY 2010 Amount: \$247,500

[University Of South Alabama](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20412

FY 2010 Amount: \$99,000

Delta State Rural Development Network Grant Program (DELTA) (D60)

[Tombigbee Healthcare Authority](#)

Grant No: D60RH08548

FY 2010 Amount: \$496,630

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[Alabama Department Of Public Health](#)

Grant No: H54RH00034

FY 2010 Amount: \$343,643

Rural Access to Emergency Devices (H3D)

[City Of Childersburg Medical Clinic Board Inc.](#)

Grant No: H3DRH17214

FY 2010 Amount: \$99,855

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[Sylacauga Alliance For Family Enhancement, Inc](#)

Grant No: D04RH12673

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Troy University](#)

Grant No: D04RH12670

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Tuskegee Area Health Education Center, Inc](#)

Grant No: D04RH12671

FY 2010 Amount: \$124,878

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)

[Tuskegee Area Health Education Center, Inc](#)

Grant No: P10RH17192

FY 2010 Amount: \$76,845

Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)

[City Of Childersburg Medical Clinic Board Inc.](#)

Grant No: D06RH09004

FY 2010 Amount: \$174,965

[Roanoke Health Care Authority DBA Randolph Medical Center](#)

Grant No: D06RH09015

FY 2010 Amount: \$179,963

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

[Alabama Department Of Public Health](#)

Grant No: H3HRH00004

FY 2010 Amount: \$271,405

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)

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Mission:

The Arkansas Office of Rural Health and Primary Care focuses on maintaining and increasing quality healthcare services to rural and underserved areas of Arkansas.

Services:

Administer SORH, FLEX and SHIP programs; administer state grant programs; information dissemination; recruitment and retention; network development

2009 Impact Example:

The Arkansas ORHPC collaborated with four Critical Access Hospitals, one rural hospital and The University of Arkansas' Medical Sciences Area Health Education Center to develop the Greater Delta Alliance for Health, a rural healthcare network in the southeastern corner (Mississippi Delta Region) of Arkansas. The Alliance, which has since received 501(c)(3) designation, has been successful in securing grant funding to establish a Medical Assistance Program and other health prevention programs. It also conducts outreach and provides health screening through the use of a mobile screening unit, and is now working on recruiting primary care physicians and specialists for their area.

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 6.75

Total Annual Budget: \$12,171,460

Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 10% State – 90% Other – 0%

Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ✓ SORH ✓ FLEX ✓ PCO ✓ SHIP ✓ Other

State at a Glance:

State Population: 2,889,450

% of Population Considered Rural: 40%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals	29	Rural Hospitals	14
Rural Health Clinics	69	Rural FQHC/CHS Sites	62
Local Public Health Units	92		

Arkansas

Delta State Rural Development Network Grant Program (DELTA) (D60)

[Health Resources Of Arkansas](#)

Grant No: D60RH08552

FY 2010 Amount: \$410,700

[Mid Delta Community Consortium, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D60RH08532

FY 2010 Amount: \$390,195

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[Arkansas Department Of Health](#)

Grant No: H54RH00035

FY 2010 Amount: \$503,943

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[Conway Regional Medical Center, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D04RH16368

FY 2010 Amount: \$124,926

[Corning Area Healthcare, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D04RH12734

FY 2010 Amount: \$124,724

[White River Health System Inc](#)

Grant No: D04RH12736

FY 2010 Amount: \$116,238

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)

[White River Health System Inc](#)

Grant No: P10RH17187

FY 2010 Amount: \$85,000

Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)

[White River Rural Health Center](#)

Grant No: D06RH16465

FY 2010 Amount: \$179,995

Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)

[White River Health System Inc](#)

Grant No: G20RH19267

FY 2010 Amount: \$96,298

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

[Arkansas Department Of Health](#)

Grant No: H3HRH00020

FY 2010 Amount: \$306,425

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)

[Arkansas Department Of Health](#)

Grant No: H95RH00101

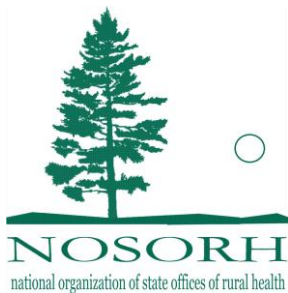
FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000

Telehealth Resource Center Grant Program (G22)

[University Of Arkansas For Medical Sciences](#)

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Mission:

The mission of the Arizona Rural Health Office (RHO) is to promote the health of rural and medically underserved individuals, families and communities through service, education and research.

Services:

Serve as an information clearinghouse and providing targeted technical assistance to rural healthcare providers, entities and advocates; serve as a liaison between Arizona's 21 federally recognized Indian tribes/nations and the Indian Health Service; provide targeted skill development training for rural hospital/clinic personnel, EMS first responders, and other rural workforce personnel; provide rural service learning opportunities for students pursuing master's degrees in public health; conduct rural health workforce, rural health needs and other rural-health related assessments and analyses.

2009 Impact Example:

Funding from ORHP has not only enabled RHO to contribute to the survival, expansion and dramatic improvement of the state's small rural hospital system with Flex Program funding, but also provided resources to advance our capacity to provide extensive technical assistance and resources to Arizona's rural health provider agencies and their partners.

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 15.82

Total Annual Budget: \$17,000,000

Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 46% State – 53% Other – 1%

Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ☒ SORH ☒ FLEX ☐ PCO ☒ SHIP ☒ Other

State at a Glance:

State Population: 6,595,778

% of Population Considered Rural: 20%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals 14

Rural Health Clinics 17

Local Public Health Units 15

Rural Hospitals 5

Rural FQHC/CHS Sites 145

Arizona Rural Health Grants

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[University](#) [Of](#) [Arizona](#)
Grant No: H54RH00030
FY 2010 Amount: \$507,000
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Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program (H1G)

[North](#) [Country](#) [Healthcare,](#) [Inc.](#)
Grant No: H1GRH10597
FY 2010 Amount: \$208,085

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[El](#) [Centro](#) [For](#) [The](#) [Study](#) [Of](#) [Primary](#) [&](#) [Secondary](#) [Education](#)
Grant No: D04RH12676
FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Hardrock](#) [Council](#) [On](#) [Substance](#) [Abuse,](#) [Inc.](#)
Grant No: D04RH12675
FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)

[Southeast](#) [Arizona](#) [Area](#) [Health](#) [Education](#) [Center](#) [\(seahe\)](#)
Grant No: P10RH17190
FY 2010 Amount: \$83,919
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Grant No: P10RH17191
FY 2010 Amount: \$85,000
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Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

[University](#) [Of](#) [Arizona](#)
Grant No: H3HRH00032
FY 2010 Amount: \$122,570

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)

[Arizona](#) [Board](#) [Of](#) [Regents](#)
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Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[University](#) [Of](#) [Arizona](#)
Grant No: H54RH00030
FY 2010 Amount: \$507,000
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Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program (H1G)

[North](#) [Country](#) [Healthcare,](#) [Inc.](#)
Grant No: H1GRH10597
FY 2010 Amount: \$208,085

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[El](#) [Centro](#) [For](#) [The](#) [Study](#) [Of](#) [Primary](#) [&](#) [Secondary](#) [Education](#)
Grant No: D04RH12676
FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Hardrock](#) [Council](#) [On](#) [Substance](#) [Abuse,](#) [Inc.](#)
Grant No: D04RH12675
FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)

[Southeast](#) [Arizona](#) [Area](#) [Health](#) [Education](#) [Center](#) [\(seahec\)](#)
Grant No: P10RH17190
FY 2010 Amount: \$83,919
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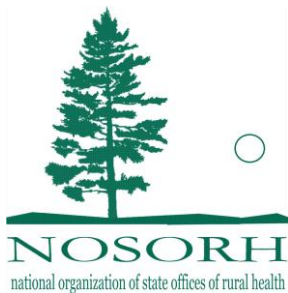
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Grant No: P10RH17191
FY 2010 Amount: \$85,000
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Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

[University](#) [Of](#) [Arizona](#)
Grant No: H3HRH00032
FY 2010 Amount: \$122,570

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)

[Arizona](#) [Board](#) [Of](#) [Regents](#)
Grant No: H95RH00102
FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000



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Mission:

To optimize the health status and eliminate the health disparities of persons in rural and urban underserved areas of Georgia through the development of regional systems of quality health care.

Services:

Leveraging state and federal resources (including financial) to improve health of Georgians; provide technical assistance to communities, providers and stakeholders regarding rural health; recruitment of health professionals; offer grant resources to communities and providers

2009 Impact Example:

The Georgia SORH recieved \$2.5 million from The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to support the development of four emergency room diversion clinics (including staffing) affiliated with hospitals (three rural, one urban). The project brought together several organizations that traditionally had not worked together formally to alleviate the burden of non-emergent care delivered in hospital emergency rooms.

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 12

Total Annual Budget: \$11,000,000

Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 60% State – 40% Other – 0%

Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ☒ SORH ☒ FLEX ☒ PCO ☒ SHIP ☒ Other

State at a Glance:

State Population: 9,829,211

% of Population Considered Rural: 20%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals	34	Rural Hospitals	32
Rural Health Clinics	80	Rural FQHC/CHS Sites	121
Local Public Health Units	159		

Georgia Rural Health Grant

Congressionally-Mandated Health Information Technology Grants (D1B)

[Gordon](#) [Hospital](#)
Grant No: D1BRH20383
FY 2010 Amount: \$148,500

[Jasper](#) [Health](#) [Services,](#) [Inc.](#) [/jasper](#) [Memorial](#) [Hospital](#)
Grant No: D1BRH20379
FY 2010 Amount: \$99,000

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[Georgia](#) [Dept.](#) [Of](#) [Community](#) [Health](#)
Grant No: H54RH00057
FY 2010 Amount: \$545,383

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Rural Access to Emergency Devices (H3D)

[North](#) [Georgia](#) [Health](#) [District](#)
Grant No: H3DRH13406
FY 2010 Amount: \$100,000

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[Evans](#) [County](#) [Health](#) [Department](#)
Grant No: D04RH12767
FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Georgia](#) [Southern](#) [University](#) [Research](#) [&](#) [Service](#) [Foundation](#)
Grant No: D04RH16319
FY 2010 Amount: \$96,767

[Irwin](#) [County](#) [Board](#) [Of](#) [Health](#)
Grant No: D04RH12769
FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Polk](#) [County](#) [Health](#) [Department](#)
Grant No: D04RH12766
FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)

[Piedmont](#) [Newnan](#) [Hospital,](#) [Incorporated](#)
Grant No: P10RH17230
FY 2010 Amount: \$80,910

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Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)

[East](#) [Georgia](#) [Health](#) [Cooperative,](#) [Inc.](#)
Grant No: D06RH09000
FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000

[Troup](#) [Cares,](#) [Inc.](#)
Grant No: D06RH09027
FY 2010 Amount: \$179,895

Rural Health Outreach Special Initiative (D1A)

[Morehouse](#) [School](#) [Of](#) [Medicine](#)
Grant No: D1ARH20102
FY 2010 Amount: \$99,000
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[Phoebe](#) [Putney](#) [Memorial](#) [Hospital](#)
Grant No: D1ARH21214
FY 2010 Amount: \$99,000

[St.](#) [Joseph's](#) [Mercy](#) [Care](#) [Services](#)
Grant No: D1ARH21199
FY 2010 Amount: \$198,000

Rural Health Workforce Development Program (G98)

[Georgia](#) [Mountains](#) [Health](#) [Services,](#) [Inc.](#)
Grant No: G98RH19707
FY 2010 Amount: \$200,000
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Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)

[Flatlanders](#) [Community](#) [Health](#) [Center](#)
Grant No: G20RH21120
FY 2010 Amount: \$100,000
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[North](#) [Georgia](#) [Health](#) [Care](#) [Center](#)
Grant No: G20RH19312
FY 2010 Amount: \$96,064
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[South](#) [Central](#) [Primary](#) [Care](#) [Center](#)
Grant No: G20RH19311
FY 2010 Amount: \$100,000
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Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

[Georgia](#) [Dept.](#) [Of](#) [Community](#) [Health](#)
Grant No: H3HRH00018
FY 2010 Amount: \$534,055

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)

[Georgia](#) [Dept.](#) [Of](#) [Community](#) [Health](#)
Grant No: H95RH00104
FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000

Telehealth Network Grant Program (H2A)

[Ware](#) [County](#) [Board](#) [Of](#) [Health](#)
Grant No: H2ARH20174
FY 2010 Amount: \$254,755
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Telehealth Resource Center Grant Program (G22)

[Georgia](#) [Partnership](#) [For](#) [Telehealth,](#) [Inc.](#)
Grant No: G22RH20212
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Mission:

The Hawai'i State Office of Rural Health works with community partners to improve health in Hawai'i's rural communities; works with rural hospitals to improve care; works with providers to increase access to care by rural residents; and provides information concerning the health needs of rural Hawai'i.

Services:

Working with community partners to provide technical support for rural policy and advocacy activities; administer the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program, 3RNet and various community projects; identify and provide technical support and leadership for grants and federal programs with rural implications; administer J1-Visa program; coordinate with Primary Care Office on rural designations.

2009 Impact Example:

In partnership with the University of Hawai'i, the Hawai'i SORH has implemented an open source electronic health records (EHR) system in three CAH facilities, expanded the high-speed data network to rural areas and is currently working on creating a regional extension center for Hawai'i and the Pacific.

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% of Population Considered Rural: 30%

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Rural Health Clinics	2	Rural FQHC/CHS Sites	48
Local Public Health Units	0		

Hawaii Rural Health Grants

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[Hawaii State Department Of Health](#)

Grant No: H54RH00012

FY 2010 Amount: \$406,000

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[NA Pu'uwai, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D04RH12678

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[The Bay Clinic, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D04RH12679

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

Rural Health Workforce Development Program (G98)

[The Bay Clinic, Inc.](#)

Grant No: G98RH19712

FY 2010 Amount: \$200,000

Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)

[Lana'i Community Health Center](#)

Grant No: G20RH19299

FY 2010 Amount: \$100,000

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[Hawaii State Department Of Health](#)

Grant No: H3HRH00022

FY 2010 Amount: \$96,305

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)

[State Of Hawaii Department Of Health](#)

Grant No: H95RH00105

FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000

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Mission:

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Services:

Coordinate bi-monthly ACCESS Update electronic newsletter (1012 readers and an average of 525 web downloads monthly); liaison with national organizations, state legislature and congressional offices and staff to respond to requests and relay Iowa rural health information and updates; coordinate processes for Rural Health Clinic location eligibility and the Governor's RHC Designation for IA counties; technical assistance to providers, stakeholder groups and the public through training sessions, communications, presentations and site visits; support state rural provider recruitment through activities and funding of state loan repayment program and 3RNet. Serves on several state and national boards and councils, delivers bimonthly training and education sessions for health providers.

2009 Impact Example:

SORH served as the primary investigator and author for the 2009 Komen Community Profile Report which highlighted health care disparity and need for breast cancer prevention and detection services in underserved rural counties. The report was widely accepted by national and state leaders. As a result the Des Moines IA Komen Affiliate Board implemented a unique grant funding opportunity for women in 5 underserved rural counties.

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 6

Total Annual Budget: \$720,000

Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 25% State – 75% Other – 0%

Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ☒ SORH ☐ FLEX ☐ PCO ☐ SHIP ☐ Other

State at a Glance:

State Population: 3,007,856

% of Population Considered Rural: 43%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals 82

Rural Hospitals 10

Rural Health Clinics 139

Rural FQHC/CHS Sites 12

Local Public Health Units 101

Iowa Rural Health Grants

Congressionally-Mandated Health Information Technology Grants (D1B)

[Madison County Memorial Hospital](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20418

FY 2010 Amount: \$247,500

[Mercy Medical Center - North Iowa](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20607

FY 2010 Amount: \$346,500

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[Iowa Department Of Public Health](#)

Grant No: H54RH00011

FY 2010 Amount: \$591,413

Research Focused Initiative (R1C)

[Palmer College Of Chiropractic](#)

Grant No: R1CRH20678

FY 2010 Amount: \$396,000

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[Hancock County Memorial Hospital](#)

Grant No: D04RH12698

FY 2010 Amount: \$124,978

Rural Health Outreach Special Initiative (D1A)

[Delta Dental Of Iowa](#)

Grant No: D1ARH20088

FY 2010 Amount: \$148,500

[Iowa Healthcare Collaborative](#)

Grant No: D1ARH20087

FY 2010 Amount: \$742,500

Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement (U1C)

[University Of Iowa](#)

Grant No: U1CRH20419

FY 2010 Amount: \$659,995

Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)

[Cass County Memorial Hospital](#)

Grant No: G20RH19252

FY 2010 Amount: \$99,884

[Pella Regional Health Center](#)

Grant No: G20RH19253

FY 2010 Amount: \$93,331

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

[Iowa Department Of Public Health](#)

Grant No: H3HRH00041

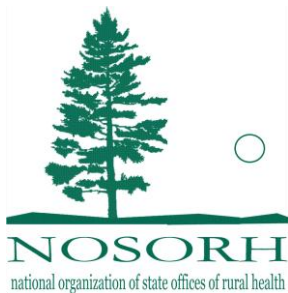
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Mission:

To promote access to quality health care for people in Idaho.

Services:

Provide technical assistance, information and data to clients, agencies, organizations and communities; fortify health infrastructure by supporting statewide programs; strengthen workforce recruitment and retention efforts; collect and disseminate information and increase awareness on health resources, policy and information; provide workshops and training to support the healthcare safety net in rural and underserved areas.

2010 Impact Example:

In partnership with Family Medicine Residency of Idaho and Boise State University, the Idaho State Office of Rural Health created a tool to identify facility and community challenges and strengths related to primary care physician recruitment and retention. The "Community Apgar Program" tool, which helps healthcare leadership and boards create an action plan to address their specific needs, is being applied in Critical Access Hospitals and Community Health Centers statewide. The Idaho SORH also awarded sub-contracts totaling \$226,000 to improve healthcare quality, financial/operational performance and Emergency Medical Services in Critical Access Hospital communities. Projects include activities such as overcoming barriers in reporting to Hospital Compare, health information technology and financial education.

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 4.0

Total Annual Budget: \$1,310,566

Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 85% State – 15% Other – 0%

Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ☒ SORH ☒ FLEX ☒ PCO ☒ SHIP ☒ Other

State at a Glance:

State Population: 1,545,801

% of Population Considered Rural: 34%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals	27	Rural Hospitals	29
Rural Health Clinics	46	Rural FQHC/CHS Sites	28
Local Public Health Units	7		

Idaho Rural Health Grant

Congressionally-Mandated Health Information Technology Grants (D1B)

<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Cooperative</u>	<u>/public</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>Cooperative</u>
Grant		No:		D1BRH20609
FY 2010 Amount: \$198,000				

<u>Madison</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Memorial</u>	<u>Hospital</u>
Grant		No:	D1BRH20413
FY 2010 Amount: \$346,500			

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

<u>Idaho</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Of</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>&</u>	<u>Welfare</u>
Grant			No:			H54RH00039
FY		2010		Amount:		\$563,073

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Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)

<u>St.</u>	<u>Mary's</u>	<u>Hospital,</u>	<u>Inc.</u>
Grant		No:	P10RH17185
FY		2010	Amount: \$85,000

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Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)

<u>Gritman</u>	<u>Medical</u>	<u>Center</u>
Grant		No: D06RH09056
FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000		

Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)

<u>Clearwater</u>	<u>Valley</u>	<u>Hospital</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>Clinics,</u>	<u>Inc.</u>
Grant		No:			G20RH19249
FY		2010		Amount:	\$100,000

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<u>Family</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Corporation</u>
Grant		No:	G20RH19250
FY		2010	Amount: \$100,000

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Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

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Grant			No:			H3HRH00014
FY 2010 Amount: \$227,630						

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Services:

Practice management consulting; health systems development; resource development; public information services; chronic disease prevention and control/integration with primary care

2009 Impact Example:

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of HRSA, the Louisiana Hospital Association, the Rural Hospital Performance Improvement Program, the Louisiana Rural Health Information Exchange and the Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health, Bunkie General Hospital – a Critical Access Hospital with two provider-based Rural Health Clinics – has implemented several dynamic programs. These include leadership development and mid-level management training programs, community health profile and disease prevention programs, and HIT improvement and rural telemedicine programs.

Additional Information:

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Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 100% State – 0% Other – 0%

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State Population: 4,492,076

% of Population Considered Rural: 63%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals 27

Rural Health Clinics 108

Local Public Health Units 70

Rural Hospitals 51

Rural FQHC/CHS Sites 72

Louisiana Rural Health Grants

Congressionally-Mandated Health Information Technology Grants (D1B)

[Christus Health Central Louisiana DBA Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital](#)
Grant No: D1BRH20408
FY 2010 Amount: \$396,000

Delta State Rural Development Network Grant Program (DELTA) (D60)

[The Health Enrichment Network, Inc.](#)
Grant No: D60RH08554
FY 2010 Amount: \$531,235
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[The Multipractice Clinic](#)
Grant No: D60RH08545
FY 2010 Amount: \$410,700
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Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[Louisiana Dept Of Health and Hospitals](#)
Grant No: H54RH00040
FY 2010 Amount: \$489,519

Rural Access to Emergency Devices (H3D)

[Louisiana Dhh, Oph, Bureau Of EMS](#)
Grant No: H3DRH17211
FY 2010 Amount: \$100,000
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Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[Hospital Service District No. 1-A Of The Parish Of Richland](#)
Grant No: D04RH12686
FY 2010 Amount: \$124,828

[Innis Community Health Center, Inc.](#)
Grant No: D04RH16498
FY 2010 Amount: \$124,790

[Louisiana Tech University](#)
Grant No: D04RH12685
FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)

[Pointe Coupee Better Access Community Health](#)
Grant No: P10RH17203
FY 2010 Amount: \$84,566
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Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)

[Hospital Service District No. 1-A Of The Parish Of Richland](#)
Grant No: D06RH09025
FY 2010 Amount: \$179,600

Rural Health Outreach Special Initiative (D1A)

[Christus Schumpert Health System](#)
Grant No: D1ARH20094
FY 2010 Amount: \$346,500

Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)

[The Health Enrichment Network, Inc.](#)
Grant No: G20RH19341
FY 2010 Amount: \$99,406
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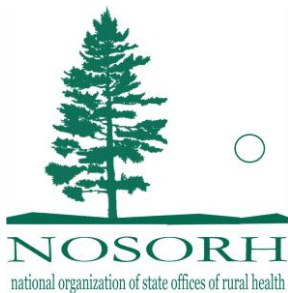
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Grant No: H3HRH00006
FY 2010 Amount: \$323,935

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[Louisiana](#) [Dept](#) [Of](#) [Health](#) [and](#) [Hospitals](#)
Grant No: H95RH00111
FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000

Telehealth Network Grant Program (H2A)

[Building](#) [Health](#) [Communities](#)
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To improve the health of rural Marylanders through collaboration, networking, outreach, education, research, advocacy and the development of special programs.

Services:

Technical assistance; funding alerts; coordination of state rural health resources and activities; recruitment and retention; collection and dissemination of information with local, state, and federal partners

2009 Impact Example:

The Office partnered with the Rural Maryland Council to host the Statewide Rural Roundtable – a one-day event that gave state rural leaders an opportunity to talk about important rural issues and how organizations can collaborate. Hot topics in rural health, rural economic development, and family asset building were discussed. A session entitled “Recruitment—Rural Healthcare Workforce Programs to Help Recruit and Retain Health Professionals”, featured two rural Maryland primary care physicians enrolled in Maryland Workforce programs. They discussed experiences with recruitment and retention and with the J1 Program and the Loan Assistance Repayment Program.

Additional Information:

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Total Annual Budget: \$669,000

Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 25% State – 75% Other – 0%

Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ✓ SORH FLEX ✓ PCO ✓ SHIP Other

State at a Glance:

State Population: 5,699,478

% of Population Considered Rural: 29%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals	0	Rural Hospitals	18
Rural Health Clinics	0	Rural FQHC/CHS Sites	13
Local Public Health Units	18		

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[Community Health Integrated Partnership, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20398

FY 2010 Amount: \$643,500

[Maryland Department Of Health And Mental Hygiene](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20397

FY 2010 Amount: \$2,475,000

[Washington County Hospital/antietam Healthcare Foundation](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20407

FY 2010 Amount: \$742,500

Public Access Defibrillation Demonstration Projects (D67)

[Allegany County](#)

Grant No: D67RH16452

FY 2010 Amount: \$33,314

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[Allegany Health Right, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D04RH16341

FY 2010 Amount: \$124,908

[Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center](#)

Grant No: D04RH12650

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Somerset County Health Department](#)

Grant No: D04RH12655

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[St. Mary's Hospital](#)

Grant No: D04RH16343

FY 2010 Amount: \$106,569

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)

[Local Management Board For Children's And Family Services Of Kent County](#)

Grant No: P10RH17186

FY 2010 Amount: \$85,000

Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)

[Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D06RH09052

FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000

Rural Health Workforce Development Program (G98)

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Grant No: G98RH19710

FY 2010 Amount: \$200,000

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[Maryland Dept Of Health & Mental Hygiene](#)

Grant No: H3HRH00015

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Mississippi Rural Health Grants

Delta Health Initiative (U1F)

[Delta Health Alliance, Inc.](#)

Grant No: U1FRH07411

FY 2010 Amount: \$34,174,401

Delta State Rural Development Network Grant Program (DELTA) (D60)

[Delta Health Alliance, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D60RH08555

FY 2010 Amount: \$631,235

[Jefferson Comprehensive Hlth, Ctr., Inc.](#)

Grant No: D60RH08549

FY 2010 Amount: \$510,700

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[Mississippi State Department Of Health](#)

Grant No: H54RH00027

FY 2010 Amount: \$393,443

Research Focused Initiative (R1C)

[Mississippi State University](#)

Grant No: R1CRH20681

FY 2010 Amount: \$742,500

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[Delta Health Alliance, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D04RH12672

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Magee General Hospital](#)

Grant No: D04RH12746

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

Rural Health Outreach Special Initiative (D1A)

[Jackson State University](#)

Grant No: D1ARH20091

FY 2010 Amount: \$990,000

[Memorial Hospital At Gulfport](#)

Grant No: D1ARH21203

FY 2010 Amount: \$470,250

[University Of Southern Mississippi](#)

Grant No: D1ARH20092

FY 2010 Amount: \$495,000

Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)

[Patients' Choice Medical Center Of Humphreys County](#)

Grant No: G20RH19360

FY 2010 Amount: \$100,000

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

[Mississippi State Department Of Health](#)

Grant No: H3HRH00043

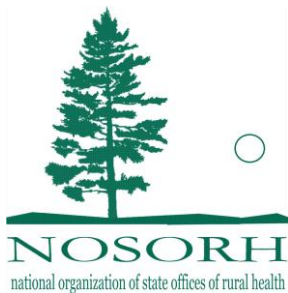
FY 2010 Amount: \$411,485

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)

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Services:

Conduct research and report on workforce and other rural health-related topics; provide community health and wellness, continuing education and technical assistance programs; offer recruitment and retention programs; maintain Small Hospital Improvement Program; health information exchange.

2009 Impact Example:

HealthShare Montana (HSM), an organization of Montana healthcare leaders/stakeholders and chaired by the MOR director, is developing and implementing a statewide health information exchange infrastructure (HIE). The infrastructure will have the capacity to support health information delivery to the point-of-care; enable point-of-care support to assist with preventative care and management of chronic illness; will allow performance reporting; and will enable electronic prescribing with medication reconciliation. HSM has received major state and federal funding and has been named the state designated HIE entity by the governor.

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 3.5

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Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 25% State – 75% Other – 0%

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State at a Glance:

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% of Population Considered Rural: 76%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals 47

Rural Health Clinics 45

Local Public Health Units 54

Rural Hospitals 4

Rural FQHC/CHS Sites 24

Montana Rural Health Grants

Congressionally-Mandated Health Information Technology Grants (D1B)

St.	Patrick	Hospital	&	Health	Foundation
Grant			No:		D1BRH20560
FY	2010		Amount:		\$297,000

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Flex Rural Veterans Health Access Program (H3G)

Montana	Department	Of	Public	Health	and	Human	Services
Grant			No:				H3GRH19946
FY	2010		Amount:				\$296,667

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Frontier Community Health Integration Demonstration Program (H2G)

Montana	Health	Research	&	Education
Grant			No:	H2GRH19966
FY	2010		Amount:	\$750,000

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Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

Montana	Dept	Of	Public	Health	and	Human	Services
Grant			No:				H54RH00046
FY	2010		Amount:				\$674,183

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Rural Access to Emergency Devices (H3D)

State	Of	Montana
Grant	No:	H3DRH13403
FY 2010 Amount:	\$100,000	

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

Butte	Silver	Bow	Primary	Health	Care	Clinic, Inc.	AKA	Butte	Community	Health	Center
Grant							No:				D04RH12663
FY 2010 Amount:	\$125,000										

Cooperative	Health	Center,	Inc.
Grant		No:	D04RH16279
FY 2010 Amount:	\$125,000		

Granite	County	Medical	Center
Grant		No:	D04RH12661
FY 2010 Amount:	\$123,904		

Lincoln	County	Health	Department
Grant		No:	D04RH15013
FY 2010 Amount:	\$2,000,000		

St.	James	Healthcare	Foundation
Grant		No:	D04RH12657
FY 2010 Amount:	\$124,544		

Wheatland	Memorial	Healthcare
Grant	No:	D04RH12659
FY 2010 Amount:	\$125,000	

Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)

Community	Hospital	Of	Anaconda
Grant	No:		D06RH09014
FY 2010 Amount: \$179,425			

Glacier	Community	Health	Center,	Inc.
Grant	No:			D06RH08999
FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000				

Rural Health Workforce Development Program (G98)

Montana	State	University
Grant	No:	G98RH19703
FY	2010	Amount: \$200,000
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ST	Lukes	Community	Hospital
Grant	No:		G98RH19717
FY	2010	Amount:	\$199,802
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Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)

ST	Lukes	Community	Hospital
Grant	No:		G20RH19251
FY	2010	Amount:	\$100,000
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Montana	State	University
Grant	No:	H3HRH00013
FY 2010 Amount: \$411,485		

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Mission:

To strengthen Ohio's rural healthcare delivery systems and to mitigate disparities in access to healthcare services created by rurality.

Services:

Serve as a clearinghouse for rural health-related information and resources; provide technical assistance and support to Ohio's rural health clinics and to rural communities interested in pursuing RHC certification; produce reports, research, etc., on rural health issues; collaborate with the Ohio Primary Care Office (PCO) on rural workforce development programs, including state and federal loan repayment and policy development.

2009 Impact Example:

The strength of Ohio's Flex Program is the result of the relationship that the Ohio State Office of Rural Health (SORH) has developed with the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA). In the beginning, the SORH put together a core planning group that included the OHA and rural hospitals to develop its State Rural Health Plan; the SORH also worked with the OHA to provide technical assistance and resources to rural hospitals as they made the decision to convert to CAH status. What was initially expected to be a very small program in Ohio has grown to 34 certified CAHs.

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 7

Total Annual Budget: \$5,749,045

Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 25% State – 75% Other – 0%

Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ☒ SORH ☒ FLEX ☒ PCO ☒ SHIP ☒ Other

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State Population: 11,542,645

% of Population Considered Rural: 24%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals	34	Rural Hospitals	
Rural Health Clinics	11	Rural FQHC/CHS Sites	36
Local Public Health Units			

Ohio Rural Health Grants

Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program (H37)

[Ohio Dept Of Health](#)

Grant No: H37RH00054

FY 2010 Amount: \$662,130

Congressionally-Mandated Health Information Technology Grants (D1B)

[Lake Hospital, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20388

FY 2010 Amount: \$495,000

[St. John Medical Center](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20651

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[St. Vincent Charity Medical Center](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20650

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[The Geauga Hospital Association, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20387

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Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[State Of Ohio - Department Of Health](#)

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Grant No: H3DRH17212

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FY 2010 Amount: \$124,919

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Grant No: D04RH12664

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Orrville Hospital Foundation](#)

Grant No: D04RH16280

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

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Grant No: D1ARH20104

FY 2010 Amount: \$198,000

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[Sisters Of Charity Ministry Dev. Corp. D/b/a Healthy Learners](#)

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FY 2010 Amount: \$108,900

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State Offices of Rural Health (H95)

[State Of Rhode Island Department Of Health](#)

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Mission:

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Services:

Provide comprehensive RHC Services (third party billing and coding, cost reports, 855s, survey walkthroughs, etc.); recruitment and retention of primary care providers; provide low-interest loans to rural providers and facilities; support and educate rural EMS providers; encourage network development.

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 33

Total Annual Budget: \$6,000,000

Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 70% State – 10% Other – 20%

Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ✓ SORH ✓ FLEX PCO ✓ SHIP ✓ Other

State at a Glance:

State Population: 4,561,242

% of Population Considered Rural: 25%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals	5	Rural Hospitals	28
Rural Health Clinics	114	Rural FQHC/CHS Sites	150
Local Public Health Units	46		

South Carolina Rural Health Grants

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[South Carolina State Office](#)

Grant No: H54RH01030

FY 2010 Amount: \$363,643

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Inc](#)

Grant No: D04RH12731

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Caresouth Carolina, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D04RH12725

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Clarendon Memorial Hospital](#)

Grant No: D04RH12727

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Clemson University](#)

Grant No: D04RH12726

FY 2010 Amount: \$124,965

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)

[Sandhills Medical Foundation, Inc.](#)

Grant No: P10RH17198

FY 2010 Amount: \$85,000

Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement (U1C)

[University Of South Carolina](#)

Grant No: U1CRH03711

FY 2010 Amount: \$660,000

Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)

[Fairfield Memorial Hospital](#)

Grant No: G20RH19283

FY 2010 Amount: \$100,000

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

[South Carolina State Office](#)

Grant No: H3HRH00023

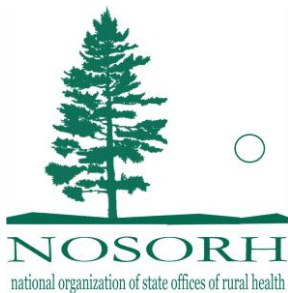
FY 2010 Amount: \$96,305

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)

[South Carolina State Office](#)

Grant No: H95RH00126

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Mission:

To improve and enhance the accessibility, availability and affordability of quality health care in Tennessee by creating a central focus and coordination of rural healthcare resources

Services:

Small rural hospital programs; recruitment and retention activities; technical assistance

2009 Impact Example:

The Tennessee Office of Rural Health acts as a fiscal intermediary for federal programs that assist eligible small rural hospitals through grant programs such as the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program, the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program and the Delta Rural Hospital Improvement Program.

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 1

Total Annual Budget: \$600,000

Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 25% State – 75% Other – 0%

Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ✓ SORH ✓ FLEX ✓ PCO ✓ SHIP Other

State at a Glance:

State Population: 6,296,254

% of Population Considered Rural: 58%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals	17	Rural Hospitals	
Rural Health Clinics	40	Rural FQHC/CHS Sites	100
Local Public Health Units	95		

Tennessee Rural Health Grants

Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program (H37)

[Community Health Of East Tennessee](#)

Grant No: H37RH00052

FY 2010 Amount: \$195,097

Delta State Rural Development Network Grant Program (DELTA) (D60)

[Paris And Henry County Healthcare Foundation](#)

Grant No: D60RH18951

FY 2010 Amount: \$510,700

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[Tennessee State Department Of Health](#)

Grant No: H54RH00037

FY 2010 Amount: \$446,043

Rural Access to Emergency Devices (H3D)

[Saint Thomas Health Services](#)

Grant No: H3DRH17210

FY 2010 Amount: \$100,000

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[Community Health Network](#)

Grant No: D04RH12700

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Hickman Community Health Care Services, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D04RH12765

FY 2010 Amount: \$124,656

[Ridgeview Psychiatric Hosp & Cntr Inc](#)

Grant No: D04RH12764

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)

[Community Progress Committee Inc. Crestview Manor](#)

Grant No: P10RH17188

FY 2010 Amount: \$85,000

Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)

[Hickman Community Health Care Services, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D06RH09544

FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000

Rural Health Workforce Development Program (G98)

[Hickman Community Health Care Services, Inc.](#)

Grant No: G98RH19711

FY 2010 Amount: \$199,937

[TN Rural Health Recruitment & Retention Center, Inc Trhrcc](#)

Grant No: G98RH19713

FY 2010 Amount: \$200,000

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

[Tennessee State Department Of Health](#)

Grant No: H3HRH00036

FY 2010 Amount: \$358,955

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)

[Tennessee State Department Of Health](#)

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Mission:

To enhance the quality of life for rural Texans

Services:

Recruitment and retention assistance for communities; infrastructure funding for rural hospitals; support of Critical Access Hospitals

2009 Impact Example:

TDRA was able to successfully improve the quality of life and healthcare delivery in two rural communities by implementing Health Information Technology/telemedicine services as a state demonstration model through funding from the Office of Rural Health Policy.

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 6

Total Annual Budget: \$5,500,000

Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 40% State – 60% Other – 0%

Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ☒ SORH ☒ FLEX ☐ PCO ☒ SHIP ☐ Other

State at a Glance:

State Population: 24,782,302

% of Population Considered Rural: 15%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals 76

Rural Health Clinics 316

Local Public Health Units 63

Rural Hospitals 150

Rural FQHC/CHS Sites 57

Texas Rural Health Grants

ARRA - Licensure Portability Special Initiative (H1N)

[Federation](#) [Of](#) [State](#) [Medical](#) [Boards](#) [Of](#) [The](#) [United](#) [States,](#) [Inc](#)
Grant No: H1NRH17207
FY 2010 Amount: \$499,900

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Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[Texas](#) [Office](#) [Of](#) [Rural](#) [Community](#) [Affairs](#)
Grant No: H54RH00055
FY 2010 Amount: \$700,663

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Research Focused Initiative (R1C)

[University](#) [Of](#) [Texas](#) [Health](#) [Science](#) [CTR](#) [At](#) [San](#) [Antonio](#)
Grant No: R1CRH20677
FY 2010 Amount: \$148,500

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Grant No: R1CRH20679
FY 2010 Amount: \$297,000

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Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[East](#) [Texas](#) [Access](#) [Network](#)
Grant No: D04RH12691
FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)

[Burke](#) [Center](#)
Grant No: D06RH09022
FY 2010 Amount: \$179,878

[Community](#) [Health](#) [Coalition](#) [Of](#) [Caldwell](#) [County](#)
Grant No: D06RH09547
FY 2010 Amount: \$174,965

[Stephen](#) [F.](#) [Austin](#) [State](#) [University](#)
Grant No: D06RH10757
FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000

[Texas](#) [A&m](#) [University-Kingsville](#)
Grant No: D06RH09012
FY 2010 Amount: \$179,556

Rural Health Outreach Special Initiative (D1A)

Safehaven	Of	Tarrant	County
Grant	No:		D1ARH20288
FY 2010 Amount: \$198,000			

Texas	Health	Institute
Grant	No:	D1ARH20289
FY 2010 Amount: \$148,500		

Texas	Wesleyan	University
Grant	No:	D1ARH20287
FY	2010	Amount: \$643,500
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Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)

Chambers	County	Public	Hospital	District	#1
Grant		No:			G20RH19292
FY	2010		Amount:		\$99,836
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Presidio	County	Health	Services,	Inc.
Grant		No:		G20RH19293
FY	2010		Amount:	\$100,000
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Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

Texas	Office	Of	Rural	Community	Affairs
Grant		No:			H3HRH00002
FY 2010 Amount: \$1,024,335					

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)

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Mission:

Connecting rural communities to resources

Services:

Technical assistance; recruitment; system development; grant support

2009 Impact Example:

The Office's Rural Outreach Nursing Education project provides nursing education to areas of Washington with limited access, thereby helping address a critical skill shortage through classes delivered online and with hands on experience in the rural hospital. By recruiting within their communities and providing on-site training, rural communities can now "grow their own" nursing staffs. Rural hospitals, clinics and other outpatient facilities provide hands-on clinical experience as part of this two-year associate degree registered nurse program.

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 7

Total Annual Budget: \$3,715,651

Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 36% State – 61% Other – 3%

Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ✓ SORH ✓ FLEX ✓ PCO ✓ SHIP Other

State at a Glance:

State Population: 6,664,195

% of Population Considered Rural: approximately 25%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals	38	Rural Hospitals	43
Rural Health Clinics	133	Rural FQHC/CHS Sites	140
Local Public Health Units	34		

Washington Rural Health Grants

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[Washington State Department Of Health](#)

Grant No: H54RH00002

FY 2010 Amount: \$587,100

Rural Access to Emergency Devices (H3D)

[Whidbey General Hospital](#)

Grant No: H3DRH17215

FY 2010 Amount: \$82,000

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic](#)

Grant No: D04RH12750

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)

[Public Hospital, District 2, Skagit County, \(dba\) Island Hospital](#)

Grant No: P10RH17231

FY 2010 Amount: \$85,000

Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)

[Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic](#)

Grant No: D06RH09548

FY 2010 Amount: \$179,395

Rural Health Outreach Special Initiative (D1A)

[Choice Regional Health Network](#)

Grant No: D1ARH20198

FY 2010 Amount: \$113,850

Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement (U1C)

[University Of Washington](#)

Grant No: U1CRH03712

FY 2010 Amount: \$659,998

Rural Health Workforce Development Program (G98)

[Columbia Basin Health Association](#)

Grant No: G98RH19718

FY 2010 Amount: \$200,000

Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)

[Family Health Centers](#)

Grant No: G20RH19285

FY 2010 Amount: \$100,000

[Garfield County Public Hospital](#)

Grant No: G20RH19282

FY 2010 Amount: \$99,750

[Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic](#)

Grant No: G20RH19286

FY 2010 Amount: \$100,000

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

[Washington State Department Of Health](#)

Grant No: H3HRH00005

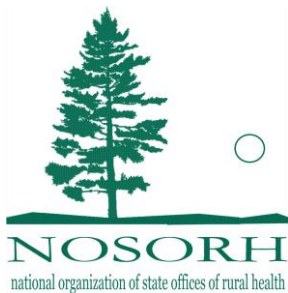
FY 2010 Amount: \$376,465

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)

[Washington State Department Of Health](#)

Grant No: H95RH00130

FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000



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Mission:

Champion the highest quality of health care for rural and underserved populations by providing collaborative leadership and a wealth of resources to healthcare and community organizations

Services:

Discovery, creation and distribution of resources for rural healthcare providers; recruitment of physicians and dentists; discovery, research/creation and distribution of rural health information for the state; provision of technical assistance to rural healthcare providers; convener of coalitions to create programming and/or policy around rural health

2009 Impact Example:

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 8.5
 Total Annual Budget: \$2,745,000
 Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 60% State – 27% Other – 13%
 Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ✓ SORH ✓ FLEX PCO ✓ SHIP Other

State at a Glance:

State Population: 5,654,774
 % of Population Considered Rural: 27%
 Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals	59	Rural Hospitals	75
Rural Health Clinics	50	Rural FQHC/CHS Sites	17
Local Public Health Units	73		

Wisconsin Rural Health Grants

ARRA - Licensure Portability Special Initiative (H1N)

[Department Of Regulation And Licensing, State Of Wisconsin](#)

Grant No: H1NRH17208

FY 2010 Amount: \$498,000

Congressionally-Mandated Health Information Technology Grants (D1B)

[Bay Area Medical Center](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20424

FY 2010 Amount: \$891,000

[Chippewa Valley Health Clinic, Inc.](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20421

FY 2010 Amount: \$49,500

[Chippewa Valley Hospital/oakview Care Center](#)

Grant No: D1BRH20426

FY 2010 Amount: \$396,000

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

[Univ Of Wisconsin -Madison](#)

Grant No: H54RH00054

FY 2010 Amount: \$677,203

Rural Access to Emergency Devices (H3D)

[The College Of Menominee Nation](#)

Grant No: H3DRH17216

FY 2010 Amount: \$100,000

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

[Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation](#)

Grant No: D04RH12696

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program, Inc](#)

Grant No: D04RH12762

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

[Western Dairyland Econ. Oppor. Council](#)

Grant No: D04RH12761

FY 2010 Amount: \$125,000

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[Marquette University](#)

Grant No: D1ARH20072

FY 2010 Amount: \$841,500

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

[Univ Of Wisconsin -Madison](#)

Grant No: H3HRH00007

FY 2010 Amount: \$507,790

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Mission:

The Wyoming Office of Rural Health seeks to enhance access to healthcare services, support the development of an adequate healthcare workforce and promote collaboration in expanding comprehensive, community-based health care in rural Wyoming.

Services:

Administer SORH, Flex, SHIP, and PCO grants; administer Wyoming Healthcare Provider Loan Repayment Program; administer Wyoming Physician Recruitment Grant Program; contract with 3RNet member for physician, nurse practitioner and physician assistant recruitment and retention; administer state-funded grant programs (Magnet Designation, Small Hospital Improvement, Community Assessment)

2009 Impact Example:

The Wyoming ORH worked closely with the Governor and his staff on creating a Governor's HPSA designation. The Office identified whole and partial counties that would benefit from the designation; developed a survey of all clinics within these areas; and conducted a fiscal impact study of the increase in the state's Medicaid budget if the interested clinics chose to convert. The Governor was pleased with the results and formally requested a Governor's HPSA designation that was granted in 2009. The Wyoming ORH is working with eligible clinics to help them explore what RHC status would mean and how to apply.

Additional Information:

Number of FTE Employees: 2.9

Total Annual Budget: \$2,527,427

Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 35% State – 65% Other – 0%

Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ☒ SORH ☒ FLEX ☒ PCO ☒ SHIP ☐ Other

State at a Glance:

State Population: 544,270

% of Population Considered Rural: 80%

Number of:

Critical Access Hospitals	15	Rural Hospitals	24
Rural Health Clinics	16	Rural FQHC/CHS Sites	8
Local Public Health Units	33		

Wyoming Rural Health Grants

Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program (H37)

Northwest	Community	Action	Program
Grant	No:		H37RH00058
FY 2010 Amount: \$284,986			

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

Wyoming	State	Department	Of	Health
Grant	No:			H54RH00043
FY 2010 Amount: \$449,599				

Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)

University	Of	Wyoming
Grant	No:	D06RH08996
FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000		

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

Wyoming	State	Department	Of	Health
Grant	No:			H3HRH00030
FY 2010 Amount: \$148,835				

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)

Wyoming	State	Department	Of	Health
Grant	No:			H95RH00137
FY 2010 Amount: \$180,000				