



Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Overview

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Community Based Division



White House Rural Council

President Obama established the White House Rural Council to address challenges in Rural America, build on the Administration's rural economic strategy, and improve the implementation of that strategy.

Created: July of 2011





Improve Rural Health Initiative Key Elements

Building a
Programmatic
Evidence
Base

Health
Workforce
and
Recruitment

Telehealth &
HIT
Coordination

Cross
Governmental
Coordination



The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP)

Created

- In 1987
- To advise the Secretary of Health on rural health issues
- To coordinate activities related to rural health care within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Purpose

- Part of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- FORHP has department-wide responsibility for analyzing the possible effects of policy on 62 million residents of rural communities.

Mission

- To improve access to quality health care in rural communities

Hospital State Division



- Support State Offices of Rural Health
- Support Rural Hospitals
- Encourage Quality Outcomes



Policy and Research Division



- Regulation, Legislation, & Policy Review
- Policy-focused Health Research
- Translate for Rural Stakeholders

Office for the Advancement of Telehealth



- Fund Telehealth Resource Centers, Licensure Portability, & Telehealth Networks
- Advance Telehealth Technologies
- Building and Advancing Tele-Emergency Services Performance Measures

Community-Based Division

- Grant Programs
- Measure Outcomes (PIMS-Performance Improvement Measures)
- Develop Evidence Based Practices





FORHP Programs



Community-Based Division

- Rural Health Outreach Program
- Rural Access to Emergency Devices
- Black Lung Clinic Program
- Radiation Exposure and Screening Education Program

Hospital-State Division

- The State Offices of Rural Health Program
- The Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program
- The Small Hospital Improvement Program

Office for the Advancement of Telehealth

- The Telehealth Network Grant Program
- The Telehealth Resource Center Program
- The Telehealth Licensure and Portability Program

Policy and Research Division

- Rural Health Research Center Program
- Rural Training Track Technical Assistance Center
- Rural Assistance Center
- Rural Policy Analysis
- Rapid Response Data Analysis



FY 2016 Competitive Grant Programs

Telehealth Network Grant Program

- 3 years
- \$250,000 per year
- To demonstrate the use of telehealth networks that improve health care for medically underserved people
- Eligibility: nonprofit entities that will provide services to rural communities through a telehealth network
- FOA available: Winter 2016
- Start date: September 2016
- Contact: Carlos Mena
cmena@hrsa.gov, 301-443-3198

Telehealth Resource Center Grant Program

- 3 years
- \$350,000 per year
- To support Telehealth Resource Centers to provide TA for telehealth implementation
- Eligibility: nonprofit entities, including faith-based, community-based, and tribal nonprofit organizations
- FOA available: Winter 2016
- Start date: September 2016
- Contact: Mark Thomas
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FY 2016 Competitive Grant Programs

Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Grant Program

- 3 years, \$150,000 per year
- ~ 30 awards
- To support the delivery of primary care/ outpatient health care services in rural communities
 - Provider focused
 - Evidence-based
 - HIT usage required for data collection
 - Outcomes oriented (patient engagement, care coordination)
- Eligibility: rural, non-profit entity, partner with 2 other entities
- FOA Available: Winter 2015
- Start Date: August 2016
- Contact: Ann Ferrero, aferrero@hrsa.gov; 301-443-3999

Rural Health Network Development Planning Program

- 1 year, \$100,000
- ~ 15 awards
- Help to promote the planning and development of healthcare networks
- Eligibility: rural, non-profit or public entity
- Proposed addition: some focus on hospital closure prevention
- FOA Available: Fall 2015
- Start Date: June 2016
- Contact: Amber Berrian, aberrian@hrsa.gov, 301-443-0845




FY 2016 Competitive Grant Programs

Rural Network Development Program

- 3 years, \$300,000 per year
- ~ 30 awards
- To increase access to and quality of health care in rural areas
- Eligibility: Rural lead applicant, network made up of at least 3 separate health care entities that demonstrate successful history of 3+ years prior collaboration
- FOA Available: September 2016,
- Start Date: May 2017
- Contact: Jayne Berube
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Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program

- 3 years, up to \$460,000 per year
- ~ 12 awards
- To deliver health care services in rural communities in the Delta
 - Evidence-based
 - Outcomes oriented
 - Defined service area
 - Proposed Secondary Focus- childhood poverty
- Eligibility: rural, non-profit or public entity, partners with members
- FOA Available: Winter 2015
- Start Date: August 2016
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ANY QUESTIONS





For further questions or additional information, please contact:

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