

Proven Experts on the Ground

State Offices of Rural Health

25+ Years of Making Health Care Better for Nearly 60 Million People in America

What we need Congress to do:

The SORH program was reauthorized last year with funding recommended at \$12.5 million. We ask Congress to increase the appropriation to the SORH line to \$12.5 million to ensure State Offices of Rural Health have the resources they need to improve the health of rural communities and the people who call rural America home.

No Other Resource Does the Work of a SORH

State Offices of Rural Health
Provide Vital Assistance to:

2,109 Communities
2,032 Hospitals
3,319 Clinics
1,176 Emergency Medical Services
6,120 Healthcare Providers

69,303 Total Technical
Assistance Transactions to
22,467 Clients

What does a SORH do?

SORHs are a one-stop shop for community leaders and healthcare providers in the nation's rural communities. They connect State and Federal resources for hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, EMS, thousands of rural health partners, and millions of people living and working in rural communities across the United States. SORHs build partnerships to grow innovation and improve health in rural communities, collect and disseminate data which informs public policy decisions that impact rural providers, provide technical assistance that improves quality of care, aid in healthcare provider recruitment and workforce development, and build and expand access to life-saving healthcare services for 60% of the nation's counties.

SORH Funding 10 Year History (millions)



Fast Fact Wise Investment of Taxpayer Dollars
Every SORH Grant Dollar is Matched
with \$3 in Non-Federal Funds!

Where can the additional funds have an impact?

Telehealth – to expand the use of technology to ensure access to care

Workforce – to build a vital workforce and expand the capacity of primary care providers

Transformation – to ensure SORHs have the data and resources on model programs to grow vital systems of high value care

Integration – to support communities to work together to address social determinants of health, integrate care to serve the diverse needs of needs of rural children, veterans, seniors and special populations



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