

*Proven Experts on the Ground*

# State Offices of Rural Health

25+ Years of Making Health Care Better for Nearly 57 Million People in America

## What we need Congress to do:

Increase funding to \$15 million to build capacity of SORH and their state and communities to improve rural health.

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

## 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. SORHs build partnerships to grow innovation and improve health in rural communities, collect and disseminate data which informs public policy affecting rural providers, provide technical assistance that improves: quality of care, provider recruitment and workforce development, and expands access to life-saving healthcare services for 60% of the nation's counties.

### SORH & THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



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#### What was accomplished?

- SORH SHIP programs distributed \$150 million in Covid relief funds to 1,771 rural hospitals.
- 100% of SORH provided direct support for the state and local public health COVID-19 response.
- 100% of SORH support RHC to meet federal reporting requirement for relief funding\*

\*Note: Only 45 states have RHC

## Who they work with:

SORH provide direct technical assistance most often to providers, rural stakeholders, clinics and communities.

## 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 support for model programs to grow vital systems of high value care

**Integration** – to integrate care for the diverse needs of rural children, veterans, seniors and special populations

**Population health & health equity** - grow leadership and collaboration to achieve health and equity for all

### Ask an Expert:

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