



# FORHP Rural Strategic Initiatives Division

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**Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People**



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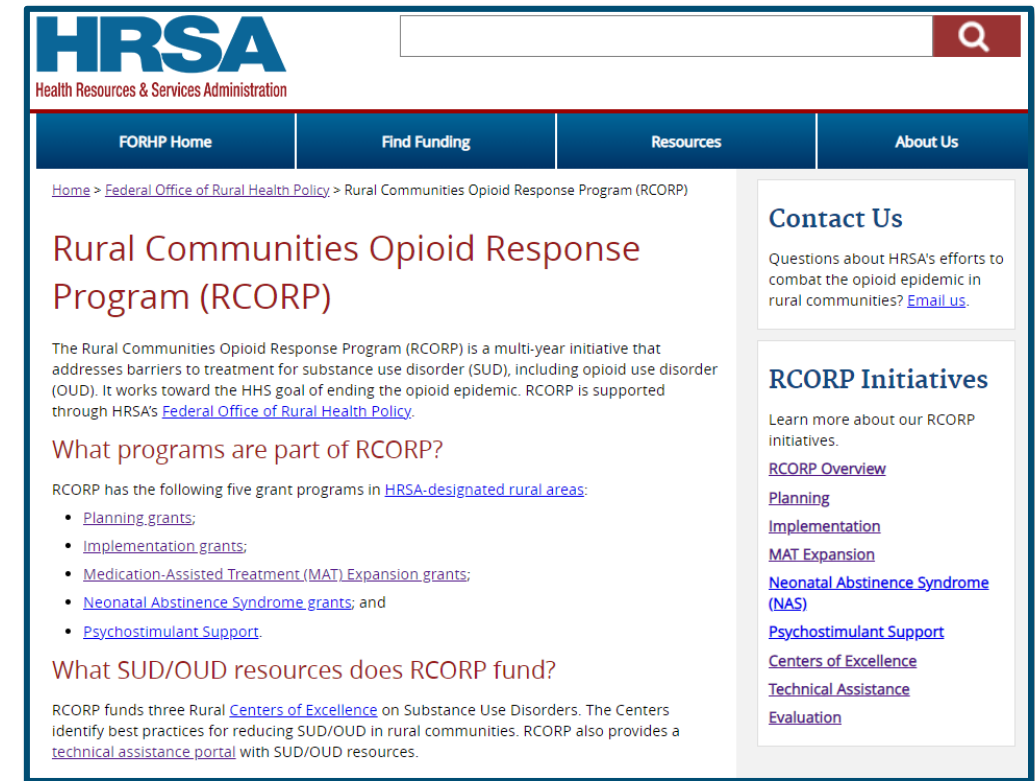
**Plan and coordinate new rural program initiatives created as a result of agency, Department, and/or Administration priorities**

- Current portfolio:
  - ✓ Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (<https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/rcorp>)
    - RCORP-Planning, -Implementation, -MAT Expansion, -NAS
    - TA, Evaluation, Rural Centers of Excellence on SUD
  - ✓ Rural Tribal COVID-19 Response Program



# Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)

- Multi-year \$440 million initiative developed in FY18
- Provides funding and technical assistance directly to rural communities to strengthen their capacity to address the opioid epidemic.
- Website: <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/rcorp>



# RCORP Grant Programs

	RCORP-Planning	RCORP-Implementation	RCORP-MAT Expansion	RCORP-NAS
<b>Goal</b>	To strengthen the capacity of multi-sector consortiums to address opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery.	To strengthen opioid use disorder service delivery by implementing a set of core prevention, treatment, and recovery activities that align with HHS's <a href="#">Five-Point Strategy to Combat the Opioid Crisis</a>	To enhance access to medication-assisted treatment within small rural clinic and hospital settings.	To advance RCORP's overall goal and reduce the incidence and impact of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) in rural communities by improving systems of care, family supports, and social determinants of health.
<b>Period of performance</b>	12-18 months	3 years	3 years	3 years
<b>Award amount</b>	\$200K	\$1 million	Up to \$725K	Up to \$500K
<b># Awards</b>	95 (FY18); 120 (FY19); 50 (FY20)	80 (FY19); 91 (FY20), 78 (FY21, anticipated)	12 (FY19)	30 (FY20)
<b>Eligibility</b>	Domestic public or private, non-profit or for-profit, entities. Additional applicant and consortium specifications as described in NOFO. <b>All services must exclusively target rural areas.</b>			

# RCORP Cooperative Agreements

	RCORP-Technical Assistance	RCORP-Evaluation	RCORP-Centers of Excellence
<b>Goal</b>	To assist rural consortiums with addressing opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery service and workforce needs.	To evaluate the impact of RCORP initiatives through data collection and analysis, and to develop evaluation tools and resources for rural communities.	To support the dissemination of best practices related to the treatment for and prevention of SUDs within rural communities, with a focus on the current opioid crisis, and the development of methods to address future SUD epidemics.
<b>Period of performance</b>	4 years	4 years	3 years
<b>Award recipient</b>	JBS International, Inc.	JBS International, Inc., in partnership with Oregon Health & Science University	Fletcher Group (Stockbridge, GA); University of Rochester (Rochester, NY); University of Vermont (Burlington, VT)

# RCORP

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- **1420+ counties** served across 48 states and territories (including Puerto Rico and the Northern Mariana Islands)
- **483 total awards** since inception
- **Additional programs to be awarded in FY21 (September)**
  - Implementation, Psychostimulant Support



# RCORP

## Accomplishments

In their first year, FY19 RCORP grantees:

- **Screened 453,686** individuals for SUD
- **Provided direct services to 366,871** rural residents, including:
  - 123,463 individuals newly diagnosed with an SUD
  - 23,605 individuals received MAT services
- Delivered **stigma reduction training to 21,381** rural residents
- Made **3,793 referrals to transportation services** (the most common type of referral)



# CARES Act Funds to Support Tribes

## Rural Tribal COVID-19 Response Program

- The RTCR program allows for maximum flexibility to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19
  - PPE, workforce support, test kits, telehealth, mobile clinics, vaccination efforts, etc
- Program awarded in record time - two months from appropriation to award date
  - FORHP held numerous consultation calls with Tribes and tribal representatives
  - Consulted with IHS
- \$16.3 million awarded to 57 Tribes and tribal organizations across 21 states
  - Complete list of award recipients: [www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/coronavirus/rural-tribal-covid-19-response-fy20-awards](https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/coronavirus/rural-tribal-covid-19-response-fy20-awards)





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## Ongoing and Future Priorities

- Monitoring the effects of COVID-19
- Moving beyond OUD
- Health equity
- Partnerships and collaborations

