

State Offices of Rural Health

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

What we need Congress to do:

Increase funding for the SORH Grant Program to \$15 million in FY 2023 to build capacity of SORH and their state and communities to improve rural health. The SORH Grant Program has been statutorily authorized at \$12,500,000 since FY 2018.



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Wise Investment of Taxpayer Dollars

Every SORH Grant dollar is matched with \$3 in non-federal funds. The effect of the increased appropriation provides approximately \$50,000 to each of the 50 SORH. With the 3 to 1 match, that provides \$200,000 in service value to rural communities in each state!

What does a SORH do?

- SORH are a one-stop shop for information for community leaders and healthcare providers in the nation's rural communities.
- SORH connect federal, state and local partners to grow collaborative approaches to health equity, access and leadership.
- SORH provide support to build capacity and resources to improve rural health.

Who do they work with?

SORH provide direct technical assistance most often to:



Hospitals



Clinics



Communities



EMS agencies



Networks

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 model programs to grow vital systems of high value care
- **Integration** — to integrate primary care, behavioral and oral health for the diverse needs of rural children, veterans, seniors and special populations
- **Health & Health Equity** — grow leadership and collaboration to achieve health equity for all



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