Community Paramedicine and Ambulance Vehicles Program FAQs

This is a sample list of FAQs that may be helpful to applicants. Please consult the NOFO for additional information.

1. Do we have to be based in a rural area to apply?
    a. Applicants must have a physical location, either headquarter or branch, in Oklahoma and be currently providing services in rural Oklahoma (see Attachment A for a full list of eligible rural counties and communities). Applicants may be based anywhere in Oklahoma but must demonstrate a history of serving rural community(ies) in Oklahoma, either directly or through formal partnership with locally-rooted organizations or providers.
2. If a company or organization is headquartered outside of Oklahoma but has a branch in Oklahoma, are we eligible to apply?
    a. Applicants must have a physical location, **either headquarter or branch**, in Oklahoma and be currently providing services in rural Oklahoma (see Attachment A for a full list of eligible rural counties and communities). Applicants may be based anywhere in Oklahoma but must demonstrate a history of serving rural community(ies) in Oklahoma, either directly or through formal partnership with locally-rooted organizations or providers.
3. Is this a multi-year grant?
    a. This is a one-year award. This grant program is anticipated to continue through the lifetime of the Rural Health Transformation Program, with potential budget extensions in Years 2-5, subject to CMS-awarded funds to Oklahoma, available funding, and program progress.
4. Do I have to spend all the funds by the end of Year 1?
    a. To ensure OSDH compliance with federal deadlines:
        i. All funds need to be **fully spent and invoiced by subrecipients by July 31, 2027.**
        ii. All BP1 funds must be drawn down by OSDH by September 30, 2027.
5. When are funds considered expended / spent?
    a. Funds are considered expended / spent when the recipient can provide proof of payment (a receipt, fulfilled purchase order, etc.).
6. If my fiscal sponsor is not located in Oklahoma, can we still apply?
    a. Fiscally sponsored organizations with fiscal sponsors located outside of Oklahoma may apply if the fiscally sponsored organization meets all criteria outlined in the NOFO.
7. What is a UEI number?

    a. A UEI number is a Unique Entity Identifier and is required to receive federal funds, including subawards. All applicants must have a UEI number at time of application and can obtain a number at www.SAM.gov.
8. What kind of insurance do we need to have? What if we cannot afford that much insurance?
    a. Applicants must an active Certificate of Insurance (see the Subrecipient Terms and Conditions linked in Attachment D for a detailed list of required insurance types, coverage limits, and other insurance-related requirements).
    b. If applicants cannot obtain the level of insurance detailed in Attachment D, they should fill out the "Request for Exceptions to the Contract Terms" form and submit it with the application.
9. If I applied for another RHTP opportunity, can I still apply for the Community Paramedicine and Emergency Services Vehicles Program?
    a. Yes, there is no limitation on applying for multiple RHTP opportunities, even if awarded.
10. What is the budget maximum for this opportunity?
    a. Applicants may submit budgets up $350,000 dollars. If applicants submit a budget for a higher amount, they must clearly identify how the excess amount will be funded (e.g., private philanthropy, other grants, donations, etc.).
11. Can I submit a budget for more than the limit listed in the NOFO?
    a. No, applicants may only submit budgets up to$350,000.
12. We cannot afford to do a reimbursement-based grant. Can we still apply?
    a. If there are extenuating circumstances that would prevent the applicant from participating in a reimbursement-based program, please specify them in the body of the application. These circumstances will be taken into consideration with the application.
13. What types of entities can apply for this opportunity?
    a. The opportunity is open organizations currently providing emergency medical services, mobile integrated health care, community paramedicine or related services in a rural Oklahoma Community.
14. Can we co-apply with another entity?
    a. One entity must apply as the sole applicant and will be responsible for receiving and administering the award. Applicants may work with other organizations through subawards, contracts, or other formal agreements, as appropriate.
15. Do we have to provide healthcare services to apply?

a. Applicants must provide emergency medicine services, mobile integrated healthcare, community paramedicine or other related services in rural Oklahoma.

16. Are personnel and fringe allowable expenses under this NOFO?
    a. No, personnel and fringe are not allowable expenses for this opportunity. Please refer to **Attachment E** for a full list of allowable and unallowable funding uses under broader RHTP or federal guidelines.