

Notice of Funding Opportunity
Application Due Date: 04/13/2026

Oklahoma State Department of Health

Rural Health Transformation Program

Opportunity Number: RHTP2026001

This Microgrant Funding opportunity is supported by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling **\$3.75 M** with 100 percent funded by CMS/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CMS/HHS, or the U.S. Government.

Federal award number (for reference only): RHTCMS332048-01-00

Unique federal award identification number (for reference only): RHTCMS332048

Contents

General Information	4
Summary	4
Funding Detail	4
Cost Sharing	5
Eligibility.....	5
Eligible Applicants	5
Multi-county applications	6
Program Description	6
Funding Uses	6
Prohibited and Restricted Funding Uses.....	7
Application Contents and Format	8
Application Components	8
Application Review.....	12
Stage One: Basic Requirements Review	12
Stage Two: Geographic Review	13
Stage Three: Merit Review	13
Award Contingencies and Reallocation of Funds	13
Scoring Criteria	14
Award Notices and Submission Deadlines.....	14
How We Make Awards	14
Application Timeline	15
Microgrants NOFO Webinar and Applicant Q&A opportunities	15
Application Checklist	15
Post-Award Requirements and Administration	16
Reporting.....	16

Attachments

Attachment A: List of eligible counties and communities considered rural under the OK RHTP definition

Attachment B: Subrecipient responsibilities

Attachment C: Budget forms: base award & supplemental

Attachment D: Example applications (illustrative only)

Attachment E: Grants management materials

General Information

Summary

This funding opportunity from the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) will make microgrants available under the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) to address unmet health and wellness needs in rural communities. The Rural Health Transformation Program is a five-year, nationwide \$50 billion federal grant program established in H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. In Year One, Oklahoma received \$223,476,947 in funding. Further details on the proposed Oklahoma uses of these funds beyond the microgrant program are available at: [Rural Health Transformation Program](#).

Funding Detail

Type: Competitive

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$3.75 million

Anticipated Individual Award: \$50,000-\$250,000 in base awards (depending on the number of counties applied for and awarded)

Payment Structure: Reimbursement

Total Expected Base Awards: OSDH anticipates allocating one award of up to \$50,000 in each of the 75 Rural Counties in Oklahoma; this includes all counties except for Tulsa County and Oklahoma County. If an applicant provides services in more than one county, they may apply for awards in up to five counties for a maximum aggregate potential award of \$250,000 in base award funds (see multi-county applications section below). In addition, **these grants must serve and be invested in rural communities**, defined for the purposes of OK RHTP as communities with populations of 55,000 or fewer. Please review the second tab of **Attachment A** for a full list of eligible communities. Applicants may also submit a supplemental budget. See the Supplemental Budget section below for details.

Expenditure Period: Award recipients are expected to expend the award amount no later than October 30, 2026, and submit the invoice(s) by November 30, 2026, to OSDH. Failure to do so may result in no reimbursement or funding being redistributed to other awardees or to County Health Departments with defined RHTP funding plans prior to October 30, 2026. We will check in throughout the contracted period to monitor spending. This is a one-time funding opportunity for RHTP Year One funds. OSDH anticipates future microgrant NOFOs in Years 2-5 and/or renewal periods on awarded microgrants, subject to the availability of funds.

Payment Structure: Reimbursement. Please note this is a reimbursement-based award. Award recipients are expected to cover eligible costs upfront and then submit

documentation to OSDH for reimbursement. 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.

Supplemental Budget: An applicant may submit an optional supplemental budget of up to an additional \$50,000 per eligible county included in the application, if the applicant believes the additional funds would be additive, but not essential, to the success of the proposed use of funds. If applying for more than one county, applicants may receive funds for up to five counties for a potential maximum supplemental award of \$250,000 total. OSDH will consider the supplemental budget only if:

- There are insufficient eligible applications that meet the application requirements below.
- Additional funding becomes available during the award period.

Supplemental budgets will also be required to be spent down by October 30, 2026, if awarded.

Cost Sharing

This funding opportunity has no cost-sharing component.

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants

Applicants are required to meet all the criteria below in order to be eligible for a microgrant.

- Be currently providing services in Oklahoma.
- Be located in a Rural Oklahoma County – or have a branch in a Rural County where said branch is to be the recipient of the microgrant investment. Rural Counties are defined as all counties except for Tulsa County and Oklahoma County.
- Provide services to communities with populations of 55,000 or fewer residents (see second tab within **Attachment A**).
- Provide services that promote the public's health.
- Applicants must have an active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and maintain an active registration in SAM.gov throughout the application, review, and award period. The registration process is described here: [Entity Registration | SAM.gov](#). Timelines for registration for a UEI vary significantly. Applicants must not be suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from participating in federally funded programs or activities.
- Applicants must have an active Certificate of Insurance.

While we anticipate that the majority of applicants will be not-for-profit organizations, we are intentionally not making this a requirement to allow for entities such as independent healthcare provider practices to be eligible to apply.

Local government entities, including Counties and School Districts, are eligible to apply. Tribal governments are also eligible to apply.

All applicants must be registered on SAM.gov and have a UEI number. We will accept fiscal sponsorship, but the fiscal sponsor must be the applying entity. All information provided in the application under the “Overview of applicant entity/organization capacity” section must be completed for the fiscal sponsor.

Multi-county applications

If an Eligible Applicant serves more than one Rural County, it may apply for awards for more than one county, up to five counties total, for a maximum aggregate potential award of \$250,000 in base award funds and \$250,000 in supplemental award funds, if applicable. Multi-county applications will be evaluated and awarded on a county-by-county basis. Proposed activities and investments must be able to stand alone within each county in the event an applicant is awarded funding for some, but not all, requested counties.

OSDH assumes that multi-county applicants will be geographically contiguous in counties. If not, the applicant should clearly demonstrate the connection between the proposed counties.

Program Description

Many of Oklahoma’s rural communities are limited in their ability to acquire lasting assets that would demonstrably improve healthcare access, outcomes, and whole-person health. During stakeholder engagement used to develop Oklahoma’s RHTP application, many communities reported demand for health enablers, such as diagnostic tools or exercise and fitness equipment. This Microgrant program is intended to help fill that gap and unlock communities’ capacity to improve wellness.

Funding Uses

Applicants should focus on one-time investments that can make an immediate and meaningful difference in healthcare access, outcomes, and whole-person health.

Examples of investments:

- Purchase or refurbishment of clinical diagnostic equipment
- Clinical access infrastructure, such as telehealth carts
- Wellness enablers, such as fitness and sports equipment

- Installable equipment or fixtures that can be purchased and attached with minimal labor
- Health education and promotion materials
- Targeted sub-contractor support for carrying out the planned investment (e.g., graphic design support for health education or promotion materials)

We anticipate that applicants will generally propose purchases of goods or one-time services. Please note that, consistent with 2 CFR § 200.320, successful applicants will be required to obtain price or rate quotations from at least three qualified sources for applicable purchases.

Prohibited and Restricted Funding Uses

This grant is intended to fund small one-time expenses; it is not permissible for grant dollars to be used on:

- Staffing or fringe expenses
- Student loans and student loan repayment programs
- International visa sponsorship for clinical workers from other countries
- Major renovation/remodeling, including structural changes
- Ongoing maintenance or subscription costs

In addition, the RHTP program and other federal restrictions prevent all RHTP funding from being used on the following:

- Alcoholic beverages
- Bad debt & collection costs
- Goods and services for personal use of employees
- Fundraising and investment management costs
- Lobbying activities
- Fines, penalties, damages, and settlement resulting from violations of law
- Costs of social organization memberships
- Pre-award costs incurred before award date
- Land acquisition and depreciation of land
- Endowments, capital funds, or investment vehicles to generate income
- New construction. Supplanting (replacing) funding for in-process or planned construction projects or directing funding towards new construction builds is also unallowable.
- Clinical services that duplicate billable services
- Enhanced payment rates for currently billable services

- Meeting matching requirements for any other federal funds or local entities
- Services, equipment, or supports that are the legal responsibility of another party under federal, State, or tribal law, such as vocational rehabilitation or education services
- Services, equipment, or supports that are the legal responsibility of another party under any civil rights law, such as modifying a workplace or providing accommodations that are obligations under law
- The cost of independent research and development, including their proportionate share of indirect costs
- No food items
- Broadband infrastructure

These funds may not be used to replace (supplant) other federal, state, or local government funds previously awarded for the proposed project/purchase. If the proposed project/purchase costs more than the limit of this grant and cannot be broken into smaller parts (e.g., a piece of medical equipment costing \$75,000), the applicant should explain how they will pay for the remaining amount in **Attachment C**. It is the applicant's responsibility to show that they are not replacing (supplanting) other funds.

Applicants may submit questions regarding funding uses to

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019cd2cca0d47f39a0c6b45a24c36694>

All responses will be posted publicly via updates to the OSDH RHTP Microgrants FAQ, available here: <https://oklahoma.gov/health/rhtp/rhtp-funding.html>

Application Contents and Format

Application Components

You must complete the required information using the fillable form available at [RHTP Microgrant Application](#). **The form does not allow you to save your progress**, so the questions are listed below for reference. We recommend drafting your responses in a separate document and then copying and pasting them into the form and uploading all required attachments in one sitting. Upload limit on attachments into Smartsheet is 250 MB per file. The form components include the following:

1. Organizational capacity
 - a) Organization Name
 - b) What type of entity are you?

Dropdown options

 - 501c3

- Community Based Organization- not 501c3
 - For Profit Entity
 - Healthcare Provider
 - Local Government entity
 - Public School
 - Tribal Government
 - Other (provides blank text box for applicant to specify)
- c) What is your tax status?
- Dropdown options
- Sole Proprietorship
 - Partnership
 - C Corporation
 - S Corporation
 - Limited Liability Corporation
 - Non-profit organization-c3
 - Non-profit organization-c4
 - Other (provides blank text box for applicant to specify)
- d) Unique Entity ID (UEI) number
- e) Do you have a Supplier ID with the state of OK? (Y/N) If yes, please provide your supplier ID.
- f) Are you able to do a reimbursable award? (Y/N) If no, please explain your circumstances
- g) What is your mission?
- h) Staffing
- Total number of employees
 - Total number volunteers
 - Name of Contact information for this award. Please provide name, email, and phone number.
 - Do you have a Communications Point of Contact (POC)? (Y/N) If yes, Communications POC name and contact information. Please provide name, email, and phone number.
 - Do you have a Legal Point of Contact? (Y/N) If yes, Legal POC name and contact information. Please provide name, email, and phone number.
- i) County Selection
- Are you applying for more than 1 county? (Y/N)

- Which counties are you applying for? (Dropdown of 75 eligible counties, maximum allowed to select 5)
- Are your counties next to one another? (Y/N) If no, please explain county selection
- Physical address. If applicant has more than one physical address in counties of application, please list additional addresses by county.
- Mailing address if different than physical address. If the same as above, put SAME.
- What services do you provide?
- Are you located in an eligible community? (Y/N) Reference eligible community list on second tab of Attachment A. If you have more than 1 location not within the eligible communities, please mark No.
- How do your services vary by County? Alternatively confirm your services are the same across application counties.
- Please describe your experience in the community. Provide a brief description of your experience in each community applying for. Briefly describe how long you've served this community and the relevant experience your organization has gained.

2. Evidence of Need

- a) Explain the gap you are proposing to fill. Please provide data to support this need. This can be qualitative or quantitative.
- b) What is the target population?
- c) What community consultation did you do?

3. Proposed Use of Funds

- a) What are you purchasing or investing in? Describe your purchase and how it will fulfill the need based on the budget components in Attachment C.
- b) How will the funds be spent down by 10.30.26. Please provide a brief explanation for each county selected.

4. Impact and Sustainability

- a) How will this benefit and improve community health. Please provide a brief description of short-, medium- and long-term improvements as a result of this one-time investment.
- b) Estimate number of people served. Please provide for each community applying for.
- c) How will you track your impacts? Please use metrics and data sources, e.g. number of people served, etc. Provide 1-3 metrics total.
- d) Explain your project sustainability plan. Describe sustainability for this project e.g. any plans for maintenance costs, etc.

Attestations

- **Attestation: Attachment B**
Check box: I attest that I have reviewed and understand Attachment B Subrecipient responsibilities
- **Attestation: Attachment E**
Check box: I attest that I have reviewed and understand all contract clauses within the OSDH Subrecipient Terms and Conditions

Attachment Uploads

Please upload:

- Attachment C: budget template (first tab required) & supplemental budget (second tab, optional)
- Letters of support
- Proof of Partnership (if applicable)
- Attachment E: Grants Management Packet
 - SRQ form
 - Provide your Certificate of Insurance
 - Provide your Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate letter as applicable
 - If requesting exceptions to OSDH Subrecipient Terms and Conditions upload the Requested Exceptions to OSDH Subrecipient Terms and Conditions form

Letter of Support. Applicants should include at least one letter of support from a community organization, association, or local government entity located in the county that the proposed investment will be serving. **If applying for more than one county, applicants must provide a letter of support for each county. Each letter of support should be no more than one page.** If an entity is applying as part of a partnership with a different entity without a UEI the entity should provide proof of partnership in addition to the community letters of support, this could include: a fiscal sponsorship agreement or a memorandum of understanding. **These are mandatory application components but will not be scored.** Letter of Support and any documentation of proof of partnership formatting should adhere to the following:

- File Format: Word Document or Portable Document File (PDF)
- Paper Size: 8 ½ x 11 inches
- Margins: 1 inch all around
- Language: English
- Page limit: one page
- Do not include external links to information you want reviewers to assess

- Font: Times New Roman or Calibri
- Spacing: Single-spaced
- Size: 12-point font
- Footnotes and text in tables and graphics may be 10-point

Grants Management Packet. Applicants should provide all of the documentation needed for Grants Management purposes, as described in **Attachment E**. This includes documentation such as:

- Attestation that you have reviewed the OSDH Subrecipient Terms and Conditions
- If requesting exceptions to the OSDH Subrecipient Terms and Conditions, upload the Requested Exceptions to OSDH Subrecipient Terms and Conditions
- The subrecipient questionnaire (SRQ)
- Certificate of Insurance
- Any federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreements

High level sample applications are included as **Attachment D** to this NOFO for illustrative purposes only.

Application Review

Stage One: Basic Requirements Review

Each application is reviewed to ensure it meets basic requirements. Applications will be considered ineligible if:

- Funding requests exceed the maximum award level (not inclusive of supplemental budget proposal)
- Applicant is suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from receiving Federal funds
- Financial statements and/or audits submitted by the applicant show financial mismanagement
- Application is submitted after the deadline
- Applicant does not meet the eligibility criteria
- Application is incomplete

OSDH reserves the right to provide the opportunity to applicants to make minor technical corrections to only the documents submitted as part of **Attachment E** to bring the application into compliance. Applicants will only be contacted for corrections after awards.

Stage Two: Geographic Review

OSDH will review all submitted applications for baseline compliance for each Rural County. If there are one or more compliant applications for a given county, those applications will be reviewed in Stage 3 Merit Review.

For applicants requesting funding in multiple counties, awards will be made on a county-by-county basis. The applicant must receive the highest merit score in a given county to be selected for that county's award.

Stage Three: Merit Review

For counties with one or multiple compliant applications, preselected teams will score each applicant. Applications must receive a minimum score of **55 points** to be considered for award. The highest scoring applicant for each county will receive the award. Due to the potential volume of applications and eventual awardees, there will be 10 evaluation and scoring teams designated to geographic regions. Evaluation and scoring teams were chosen based on their knowledge and experience of subject matter and administration of grant funds and will receive training on competitive review processes.

Award Contingencies and Reallocation of Funds

In the event OSDH does not receive an application meeting Basic Requirements (Stage One of Application Review) or the compliant applications do not achieve the minimum score (Stage Three of Application Review) for a county, OSDH may leverage the following options:

- Distribute the remaining funding to the second highest scoring applicant in a neighboring county
- Award supplemental funding requests
- Distribute funding to County Health Departments for that county, provided it has an RHTP-aligned plan for investment of the funds

OSDH may also use any of the options described above if the full \$3.75 million in Microgrant funding is not awarded for any reason.

OSDH may also fund applications at a lower amount than requested if any portion of the intended purchase or investment can be funded independently.

OSDH will not fund:

- An application from out of state
- An application from an ineligible applicant
- An incomplete application

- A disqualified application

Scoring Criteria

Criterion	Description	Point Value (100 total)
Organization Capacity	The case that your organization is well-positioned to make use of the proposed investment. Preference will be given to applicants located in rural communities, reference Attachment A.	10
Evidence of Need	The qualitative and quantitative case, including community engagement, that this investment would be filling an identified gap.	20
Proposed Use of Funds	How the funds will be used for an investment in such a way that they meet the need and set the community up for future improvement. It is clear what will be done/funded with the microgrant from the description.	35
Impact and Sustainability	The ability to demonstrate improved health and wellness outcomes, after the initial investment, and as possible over a multi-year time horizon.	20
Budget Reasonableness (First tab of Attachment C)	The demonstration that an award of up to \$50,000 is based on market research and able to fully cover the investment (or if not, the strength and certainty of additional or alternative funding). The demonstration of the ability to spend the base award funds by October 30, 2026.	15

Award Notices and Submission Deadlines

How We Make Awards

At the end of the application period the process is as follows:

- Submit complete application files via the form linked here: [RHTP Microgrant Application](#)
- Initial review by OSDH to ensure application meets Stage 1 Basic Application Requirements. If those requirements are not met, applications will be deemed ineligible and applicants will be notified of their status.

- Review for completion and compliance of Attachment E. OSDH may evaluate the quality of this attachment to make funding determination. OSDH may also disqualify an applicant at any stage of the NOFO process if submitted materials are materially inaccurate or raise compliance concerns.
- Evaluation and scoring of all eligible applications.
- Scoring criteria will be consistent across all geographic review panels.
- Awards will be determined based on available funding and specifications described above
- Applicants receiving awards will be notified by the RHTP Grants Management Office. Following receipt of a Notice of Award, if required, contract negotiations will be conducted through OSDH Legal Counsel.

Application Timeline

- Application Deadline: April 13th, 2026, at 11:59 pm CT.
- Notice of Award: Late May- Early June

Microgrants NOFO Webinar and Applicant Q&A opportunities

Applicants may submit any questions, up to March 27 11:59pm, regarding the application to: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019cd2cca0d47f39a0c6b45a24c36694>

Responses to questions will be made publicly available via updates to the OSDH RHTP Microgrants FAQ, available here: <https://oklahoma.gov/health/rhtp/rhtp-funding.html>

OSDH is planning on holding an applicant webinar which may also be used to answer applicant questions, dates and additional information will be posted here: <https://oklahoma.gov/health/rhtp/rhtp-funding.html>

Application Checklist

Required Application Components	Page limit
<input type="checkbox"/> File One: Narrative Application (form)	Form (N/A)
<input type="checkbox"/> Overview of Applicant Entity	
<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Need	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Use of Funds	
<input type="checkbox"/> Impact and Sustainability	
<input type="checkbox"/> File Two: Community Letters of Support & Proof of partnership (if applicable)	5-6 pages total, submit in form
<input type="checkbox"/> File Three: Review and submit filled out forms as part of Attachment E	OSDH provided attachment, submit in form

<input type="checkbox"/> File Five: Expenditure Budget and Justification Attachment C, including supplemental tab if applicable	OSDH provided attachment, submit in form
---	--

Post-Award Requirements and Administration

All awardees must follow:

- All terms and conditions in the Microgrant Notice of Award (NOA).
- All financial and reporting procedures and requirements and other terms and conditions stipulated in the negotiated contract between OSDH and the awarded entity.
- Awardees must attend a post award webinar, information will be forthcoming

Reporting

See Attachment B for an overview of subrecipient responsibilities on reporting