

RRR FAQ's

4/22/2026

1. Question regarding Partnership scoring criteria (Scoring Criterion: Partnership, 10 points): The NOFO awards partnership points to applications from "two or more organizations" but does not define "organization." Could OSDH clarify whether separately licensed hospitals that share common governance (same board of directors and CEO) constitute one or two organizations for purposes of the partnership scoring criterion?
 - a. If the hospitals share common governance, OSDH considers this one organization.
2. Would EMS agencies be eligible for funding under the RRR Funding Model that want to implement a community paramedic program?
 - a. To abstain from the potential of duplication amongst RHTP programs and initiatives, Community Paramedicine does not fit well within RRR.
3. For the RRR, should an application that includes partnerships be submitted as a single application covering all sites, or should an organization submit a separate application for each partnering site? For example, if an organization partners with hospitals in Cleveland and Wagoner, should the application include both sites, or should there be separate applications for Cleveland, Wagoner, etc.?
 - a. If the total budget is less than \$4 million limit, please submit 1 application that includes Cleveland and Wagoner, but please specify the budget and programmatic expectations for each county in your application. If the total budget is greater than the \$4 million limit, please submit individual applications that are within the funding limits.
4. Can a Federally Qualified Health Center apply for this funding opportunity?
 - a. Yes, an FQHC may apply for this funding.
5. Can the funding be used for renovations of an existing building to expand clinical services?
 - a. Yes, this would be an allowable use of funds. Please specify in your application how the renovations will expand clinical services.
6. Can the funding be used to purchase equipment to establish a dental clinic in a rural area?
 - a. Yes, this would be an allowable use of funds.
7. Would Cooperative Extension meet the criteria as a social service or local government entity if the proposal is submitted by a county office that is located at one of the eligible counties?

- a. Yes, they would meet the criteria if the service is delivered in an eligible rural city/town. Please reference Attachment A for eligible counties/towns.
Proposed projects must align with RRR program objectives of improving access, quality, and/or sustainability of rural healthcare.
8. Will all PI and Co-PI must fulfill the UEI, SAM.gov registration, insurance, and other criteria to be eligible?
 - a. All applicants (leads and partners) must be located in and currently providing services in Oklahoma, be a clinical (e.g., hospital, outpatient clinic, long-term care) or social service (e.g., food bank, school, local government) provider, or be a local government entity or tribal government.
 - b. The Lead applicants applying for the funds must fulfill three additional eligibility requirements, including UEI, SAM.gov registration, insurance and not be disbarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from participating in federally funded programs or activities.
9. Several organizations across Oklahoma (and the U.S.) are exploring programs that utilizes Unmanned Aerial Systems (drones) to provide essential medical supplies (e.g., diagnostic samples, emergency medications, whole blood, and time-critical prescriptions) to rural health nurses and patients. Since the RRR NOFO prohibits 'transportation or travel-related costs,' could you please clarify if drones used specifically for clinical delivery of medical supplies are classified as prohibited 'transportation' costs, or if they qualify as 'innovative technology' or 'infrastructure' aimed at 'improving access to critical localized and/or specialized care'? Given that similar federal initiatives in Oklahoma, like the Choctaw and Cherokee Nation's SMART grants, categorize this technology as a 'medical logistics system', would the RRR program follow this classification?
 - a. This potentially could be allowable, as drones can be categorized as medical equipment providing essential medical supplies, but more information would be needed to evaluate.
10. Referring to the Prohibited and Restricted Funding Uses section, which lists "Land acquisition and depreciation of land" and "New construction" as unallowable: could OSDH please clarify whether the one-time purchase of an existing, move-in-ready building for use as a rural clinical service site is an allowable use of RRR funds when no new construction and no remodeling are required? Specifically: Is the acquisition of the building itself prohibited under the "land acquisition" provision, given that real property purchases typically include the underlying parcel? If the building portion may be allowable as a capital cost when clearly tied to an RRR

program objective (e.g., improving access to localized care), how should applicants allocate and document costs between the building and the land? Would such an acquisition be considered a prohibited "capital fund or investment vehicle to generate income"?

- a. Purchasing a building is not an allowable use of RRR funds. CMS RHTP NOFO and Terms and Conditions prohibit "construction or building expansion, purchasing or significant retrofitting of buildings."

11. The NOFO does not explicitly address lease or rental payments. Could OSDH please confirm whether lease payments for clinical space used to deliver services to a rural Oklahoma community (as defined in Attachment A) are an allowable use of RRR funds when the lease period covered by RRR funds falls entirely between the award date and September 30, 2027 (consistent with the expenditure deadline and the prohibition on pre-award costs); The leased space requires no structural renovation or major remodeling; and rent is documented as reasonable and market-rate, with pricing supported per OSDH's 2 CFR § 200.320 interpretation (three quotes for purchases over \$15K)?

- a. Yes, lease payments are allowable if the cost advances the approved program objectives and meets the following conditions:
 - i. Lease cost was included in the budget provided and approved
 - ii. Lease space directly supports the approved access, quality, or sustainability objectives
 - iii. Lease period falls within the award expenditure period (award date through September 30, 2027).
 - iv. Rent is documented as reasonable and market-rate (provide 3 quotes over \$15,00).
- b. If lease payments are allowable, please also confirm whether a prepaid lump sum (paid during the award period but covering occupancy through 9/30/2027) is treated the same as monthly lease payments for reimbursement purposes.
 - i. A lump sum prepayment is not treated the same as monthly payments under this award. The RRR program is reimbursement-based with monthly documentation required. Under 2 CFR §200.405(c), costs must be allocated to the periods they benefit. If they prepay the lease then they would submit monthly reimbursement requests for the pro-rated share of any lump sum payment as each month of occupancy occurs, not the full amount at once.

12. Will you accept vendor proposals from outside of Oklahoma for project consideration? I see the requirements on the website say you must be already doing business in OK or currently located in OK, however I wanted to clarify because of conflicting information from a recent communication.
- a. Applicants must be located in and currently providing services in Oklahoma.
13. Does the funding restriction for personnel costs pertain to all personnel on the project if awarded?
- a. Yes, this award does not allow for personnel costs within the budget.
However, you can include contracting/consulting support in the budget.
14. Does the funding restriction for travel costs pertain to all travel project if awarded? This would limit access to rural areas.
- a. Yes, transportation or other travel related costs are not permitted on this project.