

Notice of Funding Opportunity

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Oklahoma State Department of Health

Rural Health Transformation Program

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## General Information

### Summary

This funding opportunity from the Oklahoma State Department of Health (“OSDH”) will make Rural Regional Reorientation (“RRR”) grants available under the Rural Health Transformation Program (“RHTP”). RRR will provide grants of \$4 million or less per application to eligible clinical and social service providers, either individually or with one or more additional entities.

RRR funding is intended to improve **access** to critical localized and/or specialized care, **quality** through meaningful reductions in disease and avoidable hospitalizations, and **sustainability** through more effective and efficient care in rural Oklahoma. To quickly begin to achieve reorientation objectives, priority will be given to applications that can immediately action on the needs of rural Oklahomans.

RRR aims to achieve its goals through an investment in the future of rural health partnerships. OSDH anticipates that subsequent years of funding will aim to further these objectives through coordinated and sustained partnerships that require more intensive planning. Participation in year 1 is not a requirement for participation in years 2-5. More details about years 2-5 RRR funding are expected to be released in the coming months.

RHTP 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 Rural Regional Reorientation program are available at: [Rural Health Transformation Program](#).

### Funding Detail

**Type:** Competitive

**Estimated Total Program Funding:** \$20 million; OSDH reserves the right to reserve some of these funds for similar or different programs or to add additional funds to this program.

**Total Expected Base Awards:** OSDH anticipates allocating awards per application of \$4 million or less to clinical and social service providers located in Oklahoma, provided the award benefits rural populations with care delivered within their community. Rural communities are defined for the OK RHTP as communities with populations under 55,000. Please review **Attachment A** for a full list of eligible communities.

**Expenditure Period:** Award recipients are expected to expend the award amount no later than September 30, 2027. Failure to do so may result in no reimbursement. This is a one-time funding opportunity for RHTP Year One funds. OSDH anticipates future RRR NOFOs in Years 2-5, 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 monthly 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, if the applicant believes the additional funds would be additive, but not essential, to the success of the proposed use of funds. OSDH will consider the supplemental budget only if:

- There are insufficient eligible applications that meet the program funding
- Additional funding becomes available during the award period

## Cost Sharing

This funding opportunity has no cost-sharing component.

## Eligibility

### Eligible Applicants

Applicants can submit multiple applications as part of one or more partnerships, or as an individual and as part of partnership(s). Preference for applications that are partnerships of two or more organizations, but individual organizations are still eligible for funding. All applicants (lead and partners) are required to meet all of the criteria below in order to be eligible for funding.

- Be located in and currently providing services in Oklahoma
  - Funding must benefit rural Oklahomans with care delivered within their communities, but applicants are not required to be headquartered in a rural community
  - Rural populations defined as towns/communities with populations of 55,000 or fewer (see **Attachment A**)
- Be a clinical (e.g., hospital, outpatient clinic, long-term care) or social service (e.g., food bank, school, local government) provider
- Local government entities, including Counties and School Districts, are eligible to apply. Tribal governments are also eligible to apply. County Health Departments are not eligible to receive funding

Lead applicants, or any applicants that intend to directly receive this funding, must meet three additional requirements.

- 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

## Program Description

### Objectives

All projects funded under this NOFO must align with at least one of the RRR objectives listed below:

- **Access:** Improve access for critical localized care (e.g., primary care / behavioral health / OBGYN / etc.) and/or improve access to specialized care in areas / for populations with pronounced barriers to access
- **Quality:** Realize meaningful reductions in chronic disease rates and avoidable hospitalizations for complications related to chronic disease
- **Sustainability:** Improve effectiveness and efficiency of rural care resources to ensure existing care assets are sustained

### Funding Uses

Priority will be given to ‘shovel-ready’ initiatives (see rubric for more detail) that can most immediately make a meaningful difference towards program objectives and that do not involve intensive planning. Funding should be self-sustained meaning that additional funding is not a requirement for program success.

If additional funding is necessary, the application should explain the plan to secure this funding outside of RRR or other RHTP programs. Funding can be used for both planning (e.g., technical assistance ahead of implementation) and implementation, though application must explicitly identify any funding intended for planning.

All costs of preparing this application are the sole responsibility of the applicant; OSDH is not responsible for any costs incurred related to the preparation or submission of the application or any other activities undertaken by the applicant related in any way to this NOFO.

Please note that, consistent with 2 CFR § 200.320, successful applicants will be required to obtain price or rate quotations from an adequate number of qualified sources for applicable purchases. OSDH's policy interprets "adequate number" to mean obtaining at least three price quotes prior to making a purchase with RRR funds for anything over \$15K.

### Prohibited and Restricted Funding Uses

The RHTP program and other federal restrictions prevent RRR funding from certain uses. In addition, RHTP has caps on certain spending across all programs; OSDH maintains the right to deny an application if the funding cap has been reached by other programs.

Prohibited and restricted funding uses include:

- Personnel, including any funds used to pay salaries
- Transportation or other travel-related costs
- Student loans and student loan repayment programs
- International visa sponsorship for clinical workers from other countries
- Major renovation/remodeling, including structural changes, unless proven necessary to achieve program objectives and as part of a broader use of funds
- 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
- 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
- Food items
- Broadband infrastructure
- EMR/EHR implementation unallowable for RRR, given cap of 5% of total RHTP funding and other RHTP that already addresses EMR/EHR implementation
- Administrative costs (indirect and direct costs) capped at 10% of total RHTP funding

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 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 [this link](#) by 05/08. All responses will be posted publicly via updates to the OSDH RHTP RRR FAQ, available at <https://oklahoma.gov/health/rhtpfunding>.

## Application Contents and Format

### Application Components

Main application components shall include the following:

1. Organizational capacity
  - a) Organization name
  - b) What type of entity are you?
    - Healthcare provider or organization
    - Social service provider or organization
    - Local government entity
    - Public school
    - Tribal government
    - Other (please specify)
  - c) What is your tax status?
    - Sole Proprietorship
    - Partnership
    - C Corporation
    - S Corporation
    - Limited Liability Corporation
    - Non-profit organization-c3

- Non-profit organization-c4
  - Other (provides drop down 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) Staffing
    - i. Total number of employees
    - ii. Total number of volunteers
    - iii. Name of project contact for this award and contact information
    - iv. Do you have a Communications Point of Contact (POC)? (Y/N) If yes, provide Communications POC name and contact information
    - v. Do you have a Legal Point of Contact? (Y/N) If yes, provide Legal POC name and contact information
2. Evidence of Need (1 page maximum)
    - a) What evidence (quantitative or qualitative) demonstrates the gap you are proposing to fill? What rural communities and specific populations would the investment target?
    - b) How have you solicited community engagement to better understand the area of need?
  3. Implementation (1 page maximum)
    - a) What is your intended use of funds? Describe what you will spend money on and how it will fulfill the need, including proof, as needed, of similar programs from other organizations, inside or outside of Oklahoma, that have spent money in a similar way to address a similar need.
    - b) How will each partner meaningfully contribute to the proposed use of funds? (if applying as an individual, leave blank)
    - c) Briefly explain how you will ensure that the funds will be spent down by September 30, 2027, including key milestones and approximate dates of planned expenditure and program implementation
  4. Impact and Sustainability (2 pages maximum)
    - a) How will the community benefit from this investment?
    - b) What are the expected utilization measurements (e.g., visits, procedures, patients, etc. Per month)?
    - c) What is the potential for short-, medium-, and long-term improvements in access, quality, and/or sustainability of rural healthcare as a result of this one-time investment?

- d) What is the anticipated timeline to realize intended program benefits? How much of this benefit will be realized immediately / within 12 months of receiving funds?
- e) How will you measure and track the impacts? Please list 3+ Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and data sources that you can measure quarterly for one year after purchase/investment (e.g., utilization). Applications with fewer than 3 KPIs, or KPIs that do not clearly tie to program success and can be feasibly tracked, will not receive full points
- f) How will your project will be sustainable (i.e., you must have a plan to continue supporting this investment to ensure the intended benefits continue without additional grants)?

#### 5. Attestations

- **Attestation: Attachment B:** Please attest that you have reviewed and understand **Attachment B** Subrecipient Responsibilities
- **Attestation: Attachment D:** Please attest that you have reviewed and understand all contract clauses within the OSDH Subrecipient Terms and Conditions

#### 6. Attachments

- Budget Reasonableness: Please fill out and submit first tab (“Base Budget & Justification) of **Attachment C**
  - Supplemental Budget: If submitting, please fill out the second tab of **Attachment C** (applicant should only submit one version of **Attachment C**)
- **Attachment D: Grants Management Packet:** Applicants should provide all of the documentation needed for Grants Management purposes, as described in **Attachment D**. This includes documentation such as:
  - The subrecipient questionnaire (SRQ)
  - Certificate of insurance – please reference the Subrecipient Terms and Conditions for more details, and request exceptions if any items need to be negotiated upon contracting (see below)
  - Any federally negotiated indirect cost rate letter (if applicable)
  - Requested Exceptions to OSDH Subrecipient Terms and Conditions (if requesting exceptions to OSDH Subrecipient Terms and Conditions)

## Application Formatting Requirements

Application formatting requirements are intended to create a level playing field across applicants. Failure to adhere to page limit and formatting parameters will result in the committee only reviewing pages up to the maximum limit.

- Page Limit: not to exceed section limits
- File Format: Word Document or Portable Document File (PDF)
- Paper Size: 8 ½ x 11 inches
- Margins: 1 inch all around
- Language: English
- Include page numbers
- Font: Times New Roman or Calibri
- Spacing: Single-spaced
- Size: 12-point font
- Footnotes and text in tables and graphics may be 10-point

## 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 of \$4M (not inclusive of supplemental budget proposal)
- Applicant is suspended, debarred, or otherwise excluded from receiving federal funds
- Application contains prohibited uses of funding
- Submitted financial statement or audit highlights 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 D** to bring application into compliance after awards have been decided.

### Stage Two: Merit Review

For compliant applications, preselected teams made up of staff from the State of Oklahoma will score each applicant. Applications will then be ranked by total score, and funding will be allocated to the highest scoring applications. 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 enough applications meeting Basic Requirements (Stage One of Application Review), OSDH may distribute funding to supplemental funding requests.

OSDH may also fund applications at a lower amount than requested if there is a part of the application that can be funded on its own.

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)
Partnership	Role of each partner in implementation; applications from a single organization (as opposed to partnerships) are not eligible for these points.	10
Evidence of Need	The qualitative and quantitative case, including community engagement, that this investment would be filling an identified gap in the access, quality, or sustainability of rural healthcare within a given community.	20
Implementation	How the funds will be used to meaningfully reorient the access, quality, and/or sustainability of healthcare in rural Oklahoma, including a high-level timeline with key milestones.	30
Impact and Sustainability	Whether the investment will quickly and measurably progress towards intended objectives that will remain impactful after funding ends. Investments where impact would not begin to be realized within a year are not eligible for full points.	20
Budget Reasonableness	Demonstration that the award is based on market research or reasonable estimates	20

	and able to fully cover the investment (or if not, the strength and certainty of the other funding that will be provided by another entity).	
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## Award Notices and Submission Deadlines

### Application Timeline

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
NOFO released	April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Applicant webinar	May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Applicant Q&A form closes	May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Q&A answers released	Rolling basis, all complete by May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Applications due	June 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Post Notice of Award	Late August / early September
Contract negotiations and execution of the contract are complete (if required)	Late September / early October

Subrecipient contracts for year 1 funding must be executed by 10/30/2026. Subrecipients who are awarded year 1 funds must then spend all funding by 09/30/2027.

### 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](#)
- 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 be notified of their status
- Review for completion and compliance of Attachment D, 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

- Awards will be determined based on available funding and specifications described above
- Those selected for awards will be submitted to the RHTP Grants Management Office who will notify applicants of Notice of Award (NOA)
- Following NOA, if required, contract negotiations will be conducted through OSDH Legal Counsel

### Application Deadline

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 11:59 pm.

### RRR NOFO FAQ Webinar and Applicant Q&A opportunities

Applicants may submit any questions regarding the application [here](#) no later than 05/08 at 11:59 pm. Responses will be made publicly available on 05/15 via updates to the OSDH RHTP RRR FAQ, available at <https://oklahoma.gov/health/rhtpfunding>.

OSDH is planning on holding an applicant webinar which will be used to answer frequently asked questions to-date on 05/07 at 1:00PM CT. Link to attend webinar is available [here](#).

### Application Checklist

Required Application Components	
<input type="checkbox"/> File One: Narrative Application	
<input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Capacity	Answer directly in form
<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of Need	Upload to form
<input type="checkbox"/> Implementation	Upload to form
<input type="checkbox"/> Impact and Sustainability	Upload to form
<input type="checkbox"/> File Two: Review and sign attestations to Attachments B and D	OSDH provided attachment, attest in form
<input type="checkbox"/> File Three: Review and submit filled out forms as part of Attachment D	OSDH provided attachment, upload to form
<input type="checkbox"/> File Four: Expenditure Budget and Justification Attachment C, including supplemental tab if applicable	OSDH provided attachment, upload to form

### Post-Award Requirements and Administration

All awardees must follow:

- All terms and conditions in the RRR 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.