

**540:35-1-3. Power to grant loans**

The Physician Manpower Training Commission ~~shall be~~ is authorized and empowered to grant loans to qualified individuals who have completed a degree of Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, and who have completed an intern/residency program in a primary care specialty (Family Practice, General Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Emergency Medicine, or General Surgery), or other specialty as approved by the Commission on an individual basis. The loans will ~~shall~~ be provided through participation with communities considered by the Physician Manpower Training Commission to be medically underserved. ~~Priority shall be given to underserved rural communities with a population of less than 10,000, which qualify under the current rules approved by the Commission and State Legislature.~~ rural Oklahoma communities outside the Oklahoma City and Tulsa metropolitan service areas and approved by the Commission. Assistance will ~~shall~~ be on a matching basis between state ~~(60%)~~ and community ~~(40%)~~ (60%-40%). The Physician Manpower Training Commission will ~~shall~~ reserves the right to disapprove an application.