



Telehealth Overview

Office for the Advancement of Telehealth

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT)

- **Serves across HHS** and coordinates with key federal partners to leverage telehealth to improve access, enhance outcomes, and support clinicians and patients
- **Promotes the use of telehealth technologies** for health care delivery, education, and health information services
- **Provides telehealth funding** for direct services, research, and technical assistance



What is Telehealth?

Telehealth is the use of electronic information and telecommunication technologies to support and promote long-distance health care; patient and professional health-related education; public health; and health administration.

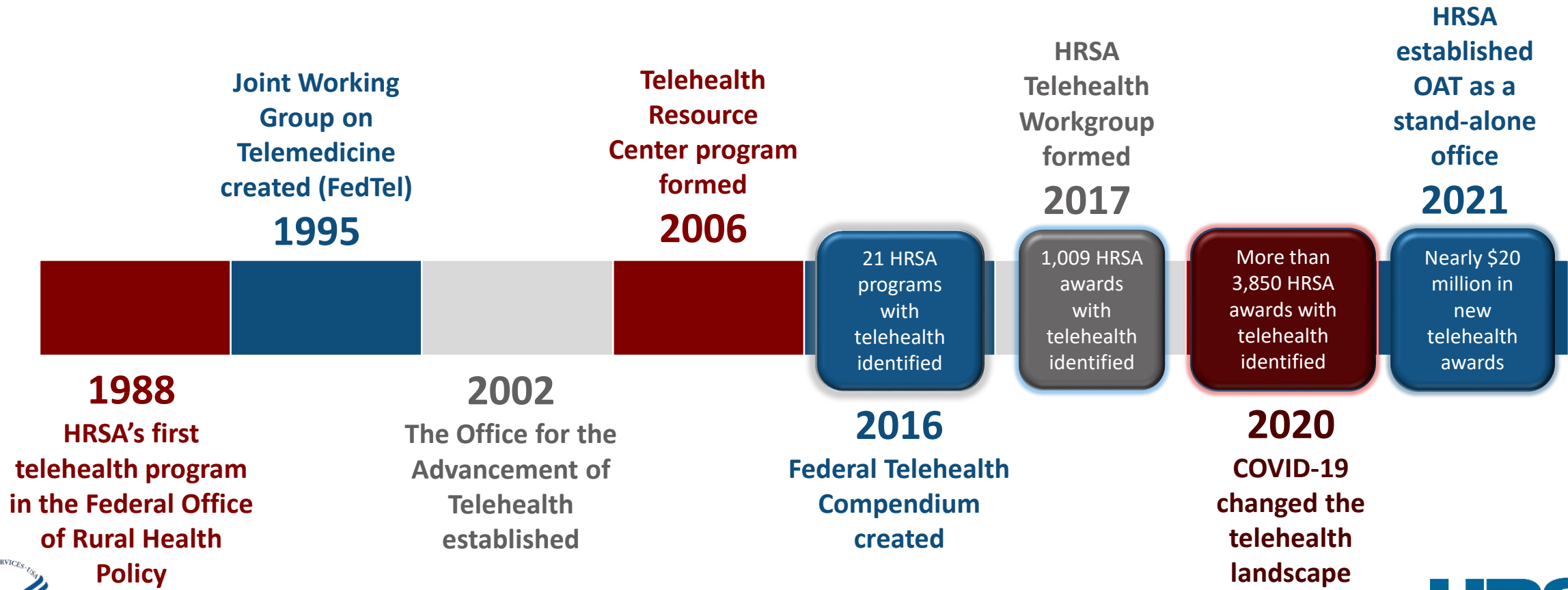
Telehealth Technologies:

- Video conferencing
- The internet
- Store-and-forward imaging
- Streaming media
- Terrestrial and wireless communications
- Mobile phone use



Leadership and History in Telehealth

For over 30 years HRSA has been a leader in the field of telehealth.



Budget

Fiscal Years 2021 - 2023

Telehealth	FY 2021 \$34M	FY 2022 \$35M	FY 2023 \$38M
Telehealth Network Grant Program	\$8.9M	\$8.9M	\$8.9M
Evidence-Based Telehealth Network Program	\$3.8M	\$3.8M	\$3.8M
Telehealth Resource Center Program	\$4.6M	\$4.6M	\$4.6M
Licensure Portability Grant Program	\$0.3M	\$0.3M	\$1.5M
Telehealth Research Center Program	\$2.0M	\$2.0M	\$2.0M
Telehealth Centers of Excellence Program	\$6.5M	\$7.5M	\$8.5M
Telehealth Technology Enabled Learning Program	\$4.2M	\$4.2M	\$4.2M

\$38 million



7 programs

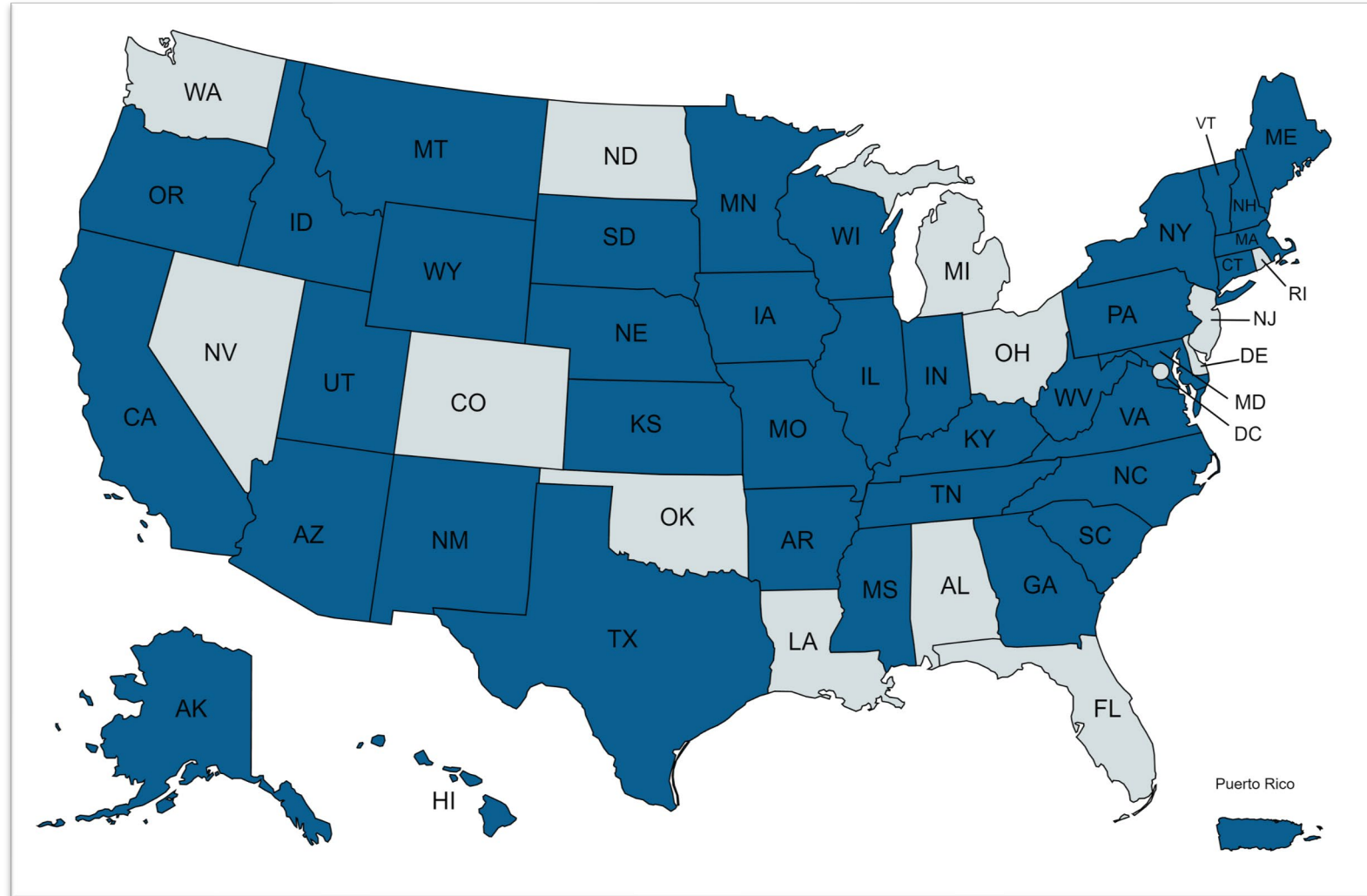


Up to 70 awardees



OAT Grantees Distribution

Fiscal Year 2022



Grant Funding Opportunities

- Licensure Portability Grant Program
- Telehealth Network Grant Program

FY 2024



- Telehealth Resource Centers
- Telehealth Research Centers

FY 2025



- Evidence Based Telehealth Network Program
- Telehealth Centers of excellence
- Telehealth Technology Enabled Learning Program

FY 2026



Building Telehealth Evidence Base



**Telehealth
Centers of
Excellence**



**Telehealth
Networks**



**Telehealth
Research Centers**



**Telehealth
Technology
Enabled Learning
Program**

Telehealth Centers of Excellence Program

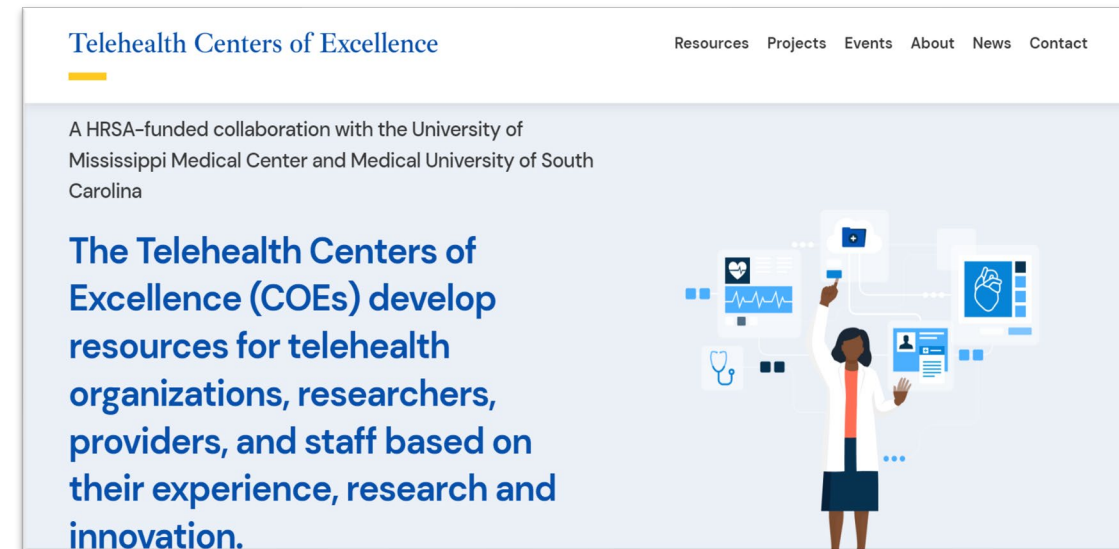
The **Telehealth Centers of Excellence (COE)** examine the efficacy of telehealth services in rural and urban areas. The Centers of Excellence provide clinical services and serve as a test-bed for new, innovative ways to use telehealth technology.

OAT funds two COEs:

- University of Mississippi Medical Center
- Medical University of South Carolina

New Website launched in 2022:

<https://telehealthcoe.org/>



Evidence-Based Telehealth Network Program

The **Evidence-Based Telehealth Network Program** demonstrates how health care systems can increase access to health care services utilizing **direct-to-consumer telehealth technologies** and conducts evaluations of those efforts to assess effectiveness.

In Fiscal Year 2022, OAT awarded approximately **\$3.8 million to 11 organizations across 11 states** to support the program.



Telehealth Network Grant Program

The **Telehealth Network Grant Program** demonstrates the use of telehealth networks to improve health care services for underserved and rural communities.

In Fiscal Year 2022, OAT awarded more than **\$8 million** to support **tele-emergency services** by enhancing emergency care consults from health care providers via telehealth through increased access and training.



Telehealth Research Center Program

The **Telehealth Research Centers** conduct and maintain a thorough and comprehensive evaluation of nationwide telehealth investments in rural and underserved areas and populations and conduct clinically-informed and policy-relevant research to expand the evidence-base for rural telehealth services.

OAT funds two Telehealth Research Centers :

- University of Iowa
<https://ruraltelehealth.org/>
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
<https://idhi.uams.edu/rtec/>



Telehealth Technology Enabled Learning Program

The **Telehealth Technology Enabled Learning Program** connects specialists at academic medical centers with primary care providers in rural and underserved communities to provide training and support in treating patients with complex conditions.

Primary Focus Areas:

- Behavioral Health/Substance Use Disorder
- Long COVID
- Chronic Diseases (e.g., diabetes)



Promoting Use of Telehealth Technologies



Telehealth.HHS.gov Website



Telehealth Resource Centers



Licensure Portability



Broadband Pilot Program

Telehealth.HHS.gov

Telehealth.HHS.gov is a trusted, timely, and one-stop resource for patients, providers, and researchers for everything they need to know about telehealth including:

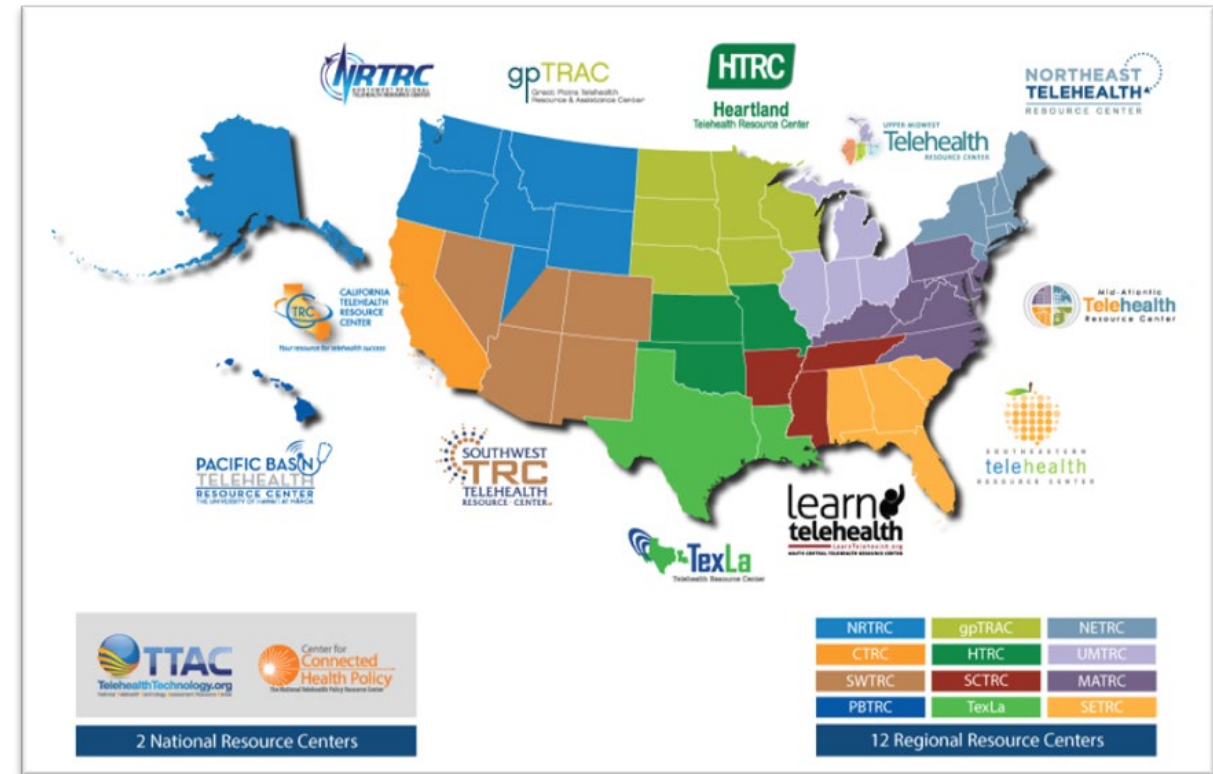
- Best practice guides
- Licensure
- Policies
- Research
- Funding opportunities
- Events
- Tip sheets
- Videos



Telehealth Resource Center Program

The Telehealth Resource Center Program (TRC) supports the delivery of telehealth technical assistance.

- National Policy Telehealth Resource Center
- National Technology Telehealth Resource Center
- 12 Regional Telehealth Resource Centers



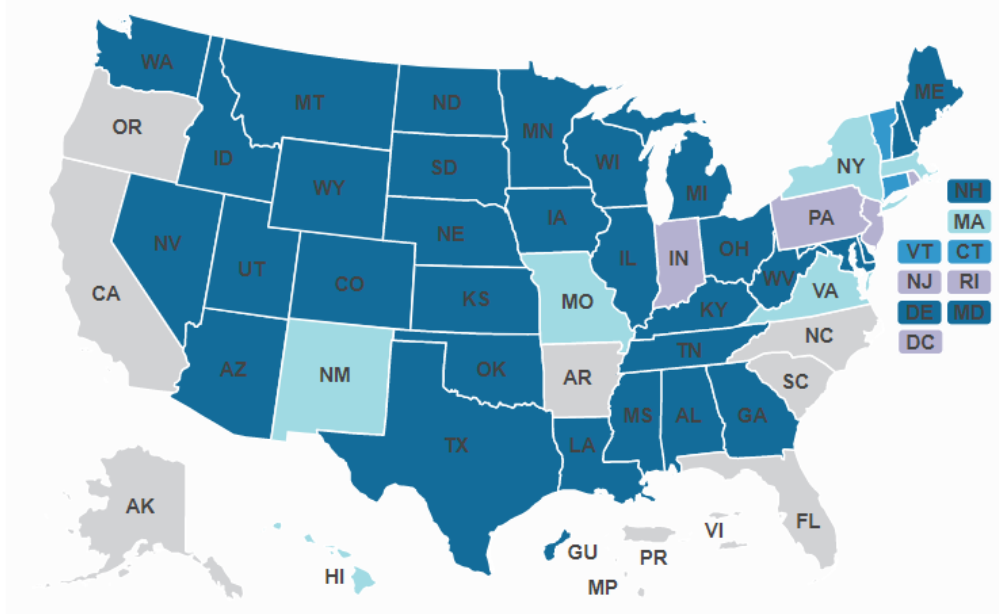
In 2022, TRCs had over **6,000 technical assistance** inquiries.



Licensure Portability Grant Program

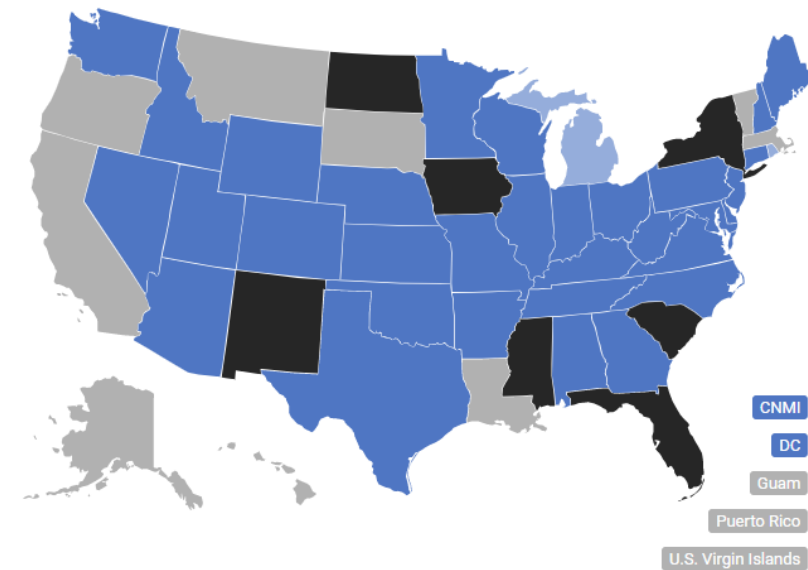
The **Licensure Portability Grant Program** provides support for state professional licensing boards to development and implement state policies that reduce barriers to the provision of health care services through telehealth technology.

Interstate Medical Licensure Compact



- = Compact Legislation Introduced
- = IMLC Member State serving as SPL processing applications and issuing licenses*
- = IMLC Member State non-SPL issuing licenses*
- = IMLC Passed; Implementation In Process or Delayed*

PSYPACT



Map Key

- PSYPACT Participating State
- Enacted PSYPACT Legislation -practice under PSYPACT not permitted
- PSYPACT Legislation introduced



Telehealth Broadband Pilot Program

The **Telehealth Broadband Pilot Program** assess the broadband capacity available to rural health care providers and patient communities to improve their access to telehealth services.

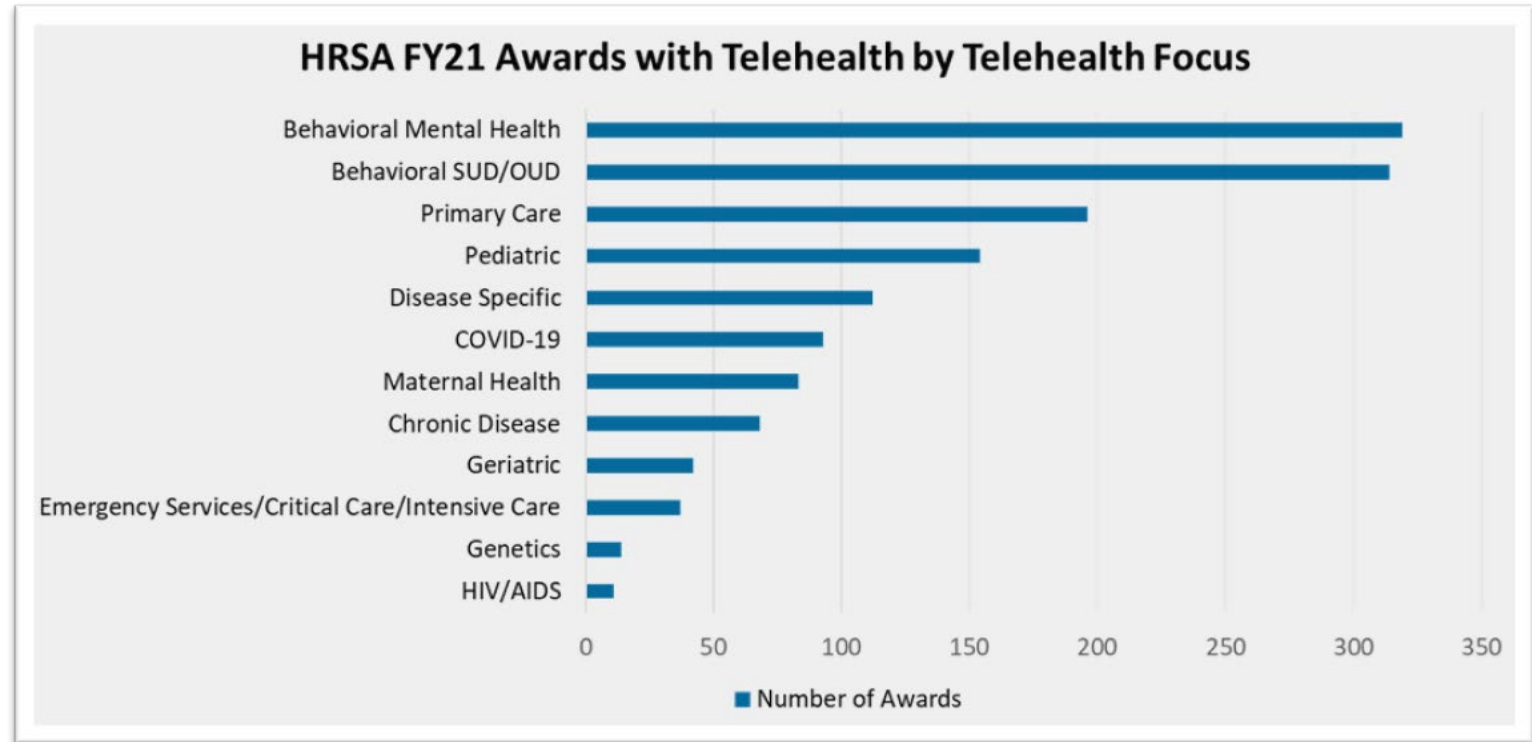
OAT awarded approximately **\$8 million to 2 organizations to support 4 states** (AK, MI, TX, & WV).

The program is being implemented in **25 rural counties**.



Telehealth Across HRSA

- In FY 2021, approximately **5,825 awards** include a telehealth component
- **50 states and 9 federal districts/territories** have awards
- **Target populations** include rural, tribal and underserved communities, low-income populations, and health care providers



Telehealth's Future

Extension of many telehealth flexibilities through December 31, 2024:

- FQHC/RHC distant site provider
- Patient location
- Telehealth services
- Audio-only
- Eligible providers

HHS monitoring **telehealth's impact** on:

- Health equity
- Health outcomes
- Return on investment
- Fraud, waste, and abuse



OAT Announcements

Telehealth-Focused

- ✓ Updates
- ✓ Funding opportunities
- ✓ Research findings
- ✓ Upcoming events
- ✓ And more

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Telehealth Policies after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

[Telehealth.HHS.gov](https://telehealth.hhs.gov) offers resources, including information about recent policy changes that extended telehealth flexibilities [after the COVID-19 PHE](#). Provider [fact sheets](#) about COVID-19 PHE waivers and flexibilities and [Medicaid telehealth webpages](#) are also available.

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Affordable Connectivity Program 

10 WAYS TO SPREAD THE WORD

01 Help Your Community Enroll 	06 Share ACP Info on Your Websites and Social Media 
02 Spread the Word 	07 Request a Speaker for an Event 

Sign up at: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USHSHRSA/subscriber/new?topic_id=USHSHRSA_1601



HHS Telehealth Resources

Telehealth.HHS.gov

<https://telehealth.hhs.gov/>

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<https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/topics/telehealth>

Telehealth Centers of Excellence

<https://telehealthcoe.org/>

Telehealth Resource Centers

<https://www.telehealthresourcecenter.org/>

ProviderBridge

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Multi-Discipline Licensure Resource Project

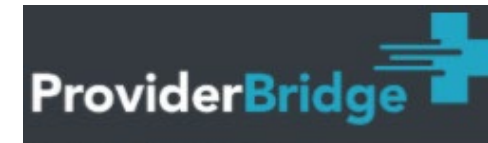
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Telehealth Centers of Excellence



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HRSA Community-based Grant Programs

WyTN Webinar

September 27, 2023

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Session Objectives

After this presentation, you will be familiar with:

- HRSA grant programs available to community-based organizations
- Amount and duration of funding
- Requirements that must be met to receive funding
- Note: funding opportunities for grant programs are cyclical. Not all grant programs presented today have a current, open funding opportunity.



Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Mission: To improve health outcomes and achieve health equity through access to quality services, a skilled health workforce, and innovative, high-value programs



TENS OF MILLIONS of Americans receive quality, affordable health care, and other services through HRSA's **90-PLUS PROGRAMS** and more than **3,000 GRANTEES**



HRSA Program Areas



Health Centers



Health Workforce



Maternal & Child Health



National Health Service Corps



Provider Relief



Rural Health



Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program



Organ Donation & Transplantation



Telehealth

[More Program Areas](#)

HRSA Priorities



Carole Johnson,
HRSA Administrator



**Substance Use and
Mental Health**



**Health
Workforce**



**Maternal
Health**

Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, “The Regional Office”

HRSA IEA serves as the principal Agency lead on intergovernmental and external affairs, regional operations, and tribal partnerships



Maternal and Child Health

The Maternal and Child Health Bureau's mission is to improve the health and well-being of America's mothers, children, and families.

- **Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant**
 - Partnership between the federal government and states
 - Served **58 million pregnant people** and children in 2021
 - Almost **3.7 million infants**—nearly every newborn in the country—received newborn screening for genetic and metabolic conditions
- **Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program**
 - Voluntary, evidence-based home visiting services for pregnant people and parents with young children who live in communities that are at risk for poor maternal and child health outcomes
 - Served approximately **140,000 parents and children** in **71,000 families** and provided over **920,000 home visits** in 2021
- **Healthy Start**
 - Provides grants to communities with infant mortality rates **> 1½ times** the US average
 - Provides services and facilitates access to comprehensive health and social services
 - In FY 2021, Healthy Start served just over **72,000 women and children** and nearly **4,800 men**.



Healthy Start Initiative

- Purpose: improve health outcomes before, during, and after pregnancy, and reduce racial/ethnic differences in rates of infant death and adverse perinatal outcomes. Health Start is intended to support projects in diverse communities, including tribal communities
- Healthy Start has two focus areas:
 - Providing direct and enabling services to enrolled participants (e.g., screening and referrals, case management, care coordination, health and parenting education, linkage to clinical care)
 - Convening Community Consortia comprised of diverse-multi-sector partners that advise on project activities, and develop and implement action plans to improve perinatal outcomes
- Eligible applicants include any domestic public or private entity. Domestic faith-based and community-based organizations, tribes, and tribal organizations are also eligible to apply
- Funding: in recent NOFOs applicants could apply for a ceiling amount of up to \$1.1 million per year, for a 5-year period.



Healthy Start Initiative

- The applicant's target population should meet the following criteria:
 - Infant Mortality Rate (IMR): the combined 3-year IMR should be equal to 1.5 times the national average AND there should be 30 or more infant deaths in target population
 - However, if combined infant deaths are less than 30, applicants must document instead:
 - ✓ Low Birth Rate (LBW): the LBW rate is equal to or more 1.5 times the national average AND there should be 90 or more low birth weight births in the target population, or
 - ✓ Pre-term Birth: the preterm birth rate is equal to or more than 1.5 times the national average) AND there should be 90 or more preterm births in the target population
- Forecasted Funding Opportunity: August 2023 ([HRSA-24-033](#));
Estimated number of awards: 101
- Most recent example of a NOFO: [HRSA-23-130](#).

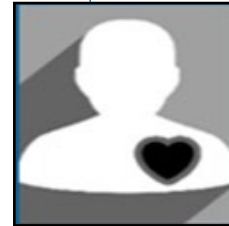


Bureau of Primary Health Care: Community Health Centers



Serve High Need Areas

- Must serve a high need community or population (e.g., rural areas)



Patient Directed

- Private non-profit or public agency that is governed by a patient-majority community board



Comprehensive

- Provide comprehensive primary care, oral health, behavioral health, and enabling services (e.g., education, outreach, and transportation services)



No One is Turned Away

- Services are available to all, with fees adjusted based upon ability to pay



Collaborative

- Collaborate with other community providers to maximize resources and efficiencies in service delivery



Accountable

- Meet performance and accountability requirements regarding administrative, clinical, and financial operations



The Health Center Program is authorized under Section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act.

Community Health Centers

- Purpose of funding: utilize a full-time, permanent service delivery site to provide comprehensive primary health care services to underserved populations
- Eligibility: domestic public or private nonprofit entities
- Funding: \$650,000 per year, for an initial 1-year period
 - Funding supports minor renovation, not construction
 - Funding beyond Year 1 subject to satisfactory performance
 - Cost sharing/Matching not required
- Next NOFO: estimated in December 2023 ([HRSA-24-032](https://www.hrsa.gov/2023/12/01/hrsa-24-032))
- Estimated number of awards: 230
- Example of a Recent Notice of Funding Opportunity: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/new-access-points>.



Community Health Centers



Requirements to Receive Funding:

- Document high level of unmet need for primary care
 - ✓ Provide a realistic and achievable number of unduplicated patients projected to be served per year, regardless of ability to pay
 - ✓ Serve a defined geographic area that is federally-designated as Medically Underserved Area (MUA) or Medically Underserved Population (MUP)
- Propose at least 1 permanent service delivery site that provides comprehensive primary medical care at least 40 hours per week
 - ✓ Describe collaborative and coordinated delivery systems for the provision of quality health care to the underserved
- Demonstrate compliance or plans to achieve compliance with Health Center requirements within 120 days of award ([Health Center Compliance Manual](#))
 - ✓ Necessary staff and providers in place to begin delivering services

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

Established in Section 711 of the Social Security Act

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) collaborates with rural communities and partners to support community programs and shape policy that will improve health in rural America.

Cross Agency Collaboration

Works across HRSA, HHS, and several other federal partners to accomplish its goals

Capacity Building

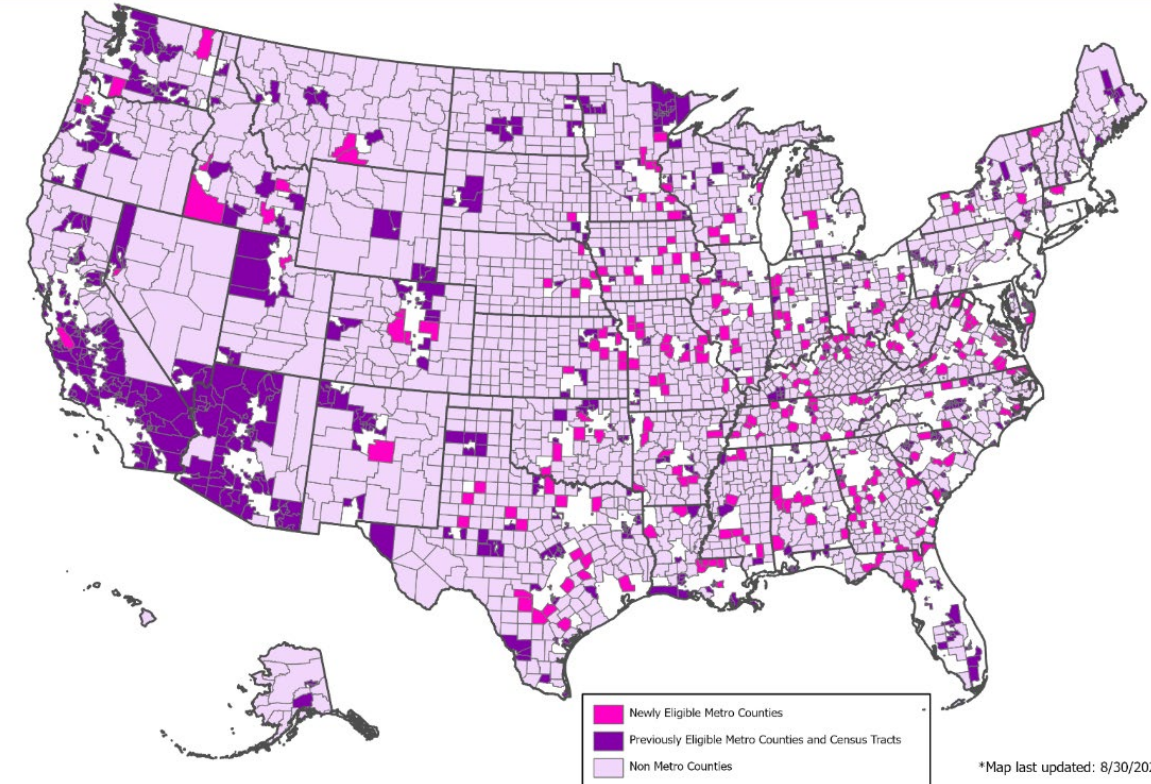
Increases access to health care for people in rural communities through grant programs and public partnerships

Voice for Rural

Advises the HHS Secretary on policy and regulation that affect rural areas

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Counties and Census Tracts Eligible for FORHP Funding



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Rural Health Network Development Planning Program

- Purpose of Funding: support multiple (at least 3) rural healthcare entities that have not previously collaborated in a formal manner, but want to work together and form a healthcare network to become operational
- Grantees may use funds to conduct planning activities that support one of the following:
 - achieve efficiencies
 - expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of health care services and associated outcomes;
 - strengthen the rural health care system as a whole., or
 - Advancing Health Equity: addressing health equity needs and improve health outcomes for underserved members of rural communities
- Eligibility:
 - Domestic public, private, nonprofit, or for-profit entity with demonstrated experience serving, or the capacity to serve, rural underserved populations. The applicant may be located in a rural or urban area.
 - The applicant must represent a network that includes at least 3 healthcare provider organizations; can be rural, urban, nonprofit or for-profit; 2/3 of network members must be located in HRSA-designated rural area
- Forecasted Funding Opportunity: [HRSA-24-007](#) (projected release in Oct., 2023)
- Funding: \$100,000 per year, for a 1-year planning period
 - Cost sharing/Matching not required
- Example of a Recent Notice of Funding Opportunity: [HRSA-23-036](#)



Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)

- RCORP is a multi-year initiative by HRSA aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD), in rural communities at the highest risk for SUD
- **Types of RCORP Programs:** Planning, Implementation, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion, MAT Access, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, Psychostimulant Support, Behavioral Health Care Support
- **Funding:**
 - Since the start of the initiative, FORHP has made RCORP investments across 47 states and 2 territories, reaching 1,800+ rural counties
 - In 2023 RCORP awarded over 100 grants and cooperative agreements to support the behavioral health needs of rural communities
- **Forecasted Funding Opportunity:** *RCORP-Psychostimulant Support* - [HRSA-24-012](#) (projected release in December 2023)
- **Purpose:** strengthen and expand prevention, treatment, and recovery services for rural individuals who misuse psychostimulants to enhance their ability to access treatment and move towards recovery
- **Eligible Applicants:** all domestic public and private entities, nonprofit and for-profit, are eligible to apply. Domestic faith-based and community-based organizations, tribes, and tribal organizations are also eligible to apply
 - Applicants can be located in a rural or urban area, but all services must be provided in rural areas
- **Projected number of awards:** 30



Rural Residency Planning and Development Program

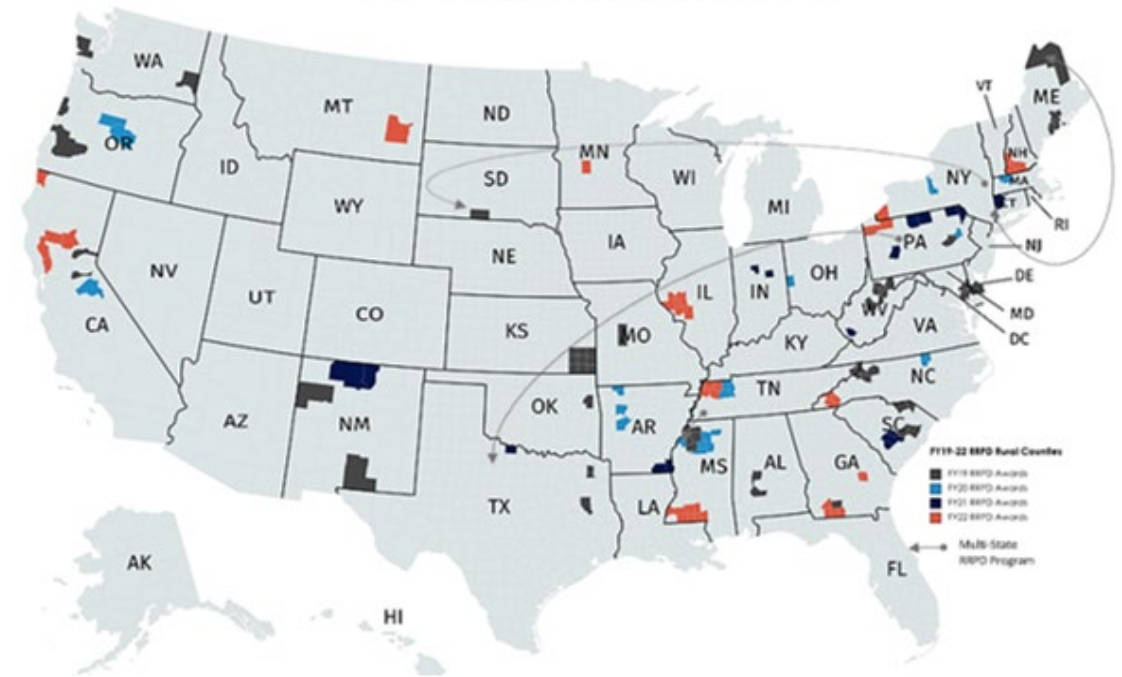
Creating Long-term and Sustainable Rural Residencies

Purpose: Develop new, accredited, and sustainable rural residency programs in family medicine, internal medicine, psychiatry, general surgery, preventive medicine, and obstetrics and gynecology.

Funding: Applicants may use funding, up to \$750,000 total, to support costs associated with achieving accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), faculty recruitment and development, curriculum development, and resident recruitment.

Eligible Applicants: 1) rural hospitals; 2) rural community-based ambulatory patient care centers, including Rural Health Clinics; 3) health centers operated by a tribe or tribal organization, or an urban Indian organization; 4) graduate medical education consortiums; and 5) faith-based and community-based organizations.

FY19-22 RRPD Rural Counties



FY23 HRSA-23-037 Funding Opportunity

- **Estimated Total Funding:** \$11,250,000
- **Estimated Number of Awards:** Up to 15 grants
- **Award Amount:** \$750,000 per award
- **Period of Performance:** 8/1/23 – 7/31/26 (3 yrs)
- **Application Window:** 10/5/22 – 1/27/23

Forecasted Funding Opportunity: [HRSA-24-022](#) (Oct 2023)

Most Recent Notice of Funding Opportunity: [HRSA-23-037](#)



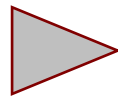
Bureau of Health Workforce

MISSION Improves the health of underserved populations by

- ▶ strengthening the health workforce
- ▶ connecting skilled professionals to communities in need



EDUCATION



TRAINING



SERVICE

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training for Professionals (forecasted)

- Purpose of Funding: The purpose of this program is to increase the supply of behavioral health professionals trained to work with children, adolescents and transitional-aged youth at risk for behavioral health disorders by engaging and retaining families in mental health prevention and intervention programs.
- BHWET for Professionals:
 - Eligibility:
 - Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
 - For profit organizations other than small businesses
 - Projected NOFO Release Date: November 2023
 - Projected Application Dure Date: January 2024
 - Expected number of awards: 204
 - Grants.gov [Current Forecast](#)



Behavioral Health (BH) Workforce Education and Training for Paraprofessionals (forecasted)

- Purpose of Funding: The purpose of this program is to increase the supply of behavioral health paraprofessionals trained to work with children, adolescents and transitional-aged youth at risk for behavioral health disorders by engaging and retaining families in mental health prevention and intervention programs.
- BHWET for Paraprofessionals:
 - Eligibility:
 - Nonprofits with or without a 501(c)(3) status (other than institutions of higher ed.)
 - State governments
 - Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
 - For profit organizations other than small businesses
 - Native American tribal governments and tribal organizations
 - Projected NOFO Release Date: November 2023
 - Projected Application Dure Date: January 2024
 - Expected number of awards: 42
 - Grants.gov [Current forecast](#)



Forecasted Funding Opportunities

Fiscal Year 2024

Maternal and Child Health

- [Building Optimal Outcomes for Moms \(BLOOM\)](#) (January)
- [Growing and Diversifying the Doula Workforce Program – Community Awards](#) (December)
- [Maternal and Child Health - Improving Oral Health Integration \(MCH-IOHI\) Demonstration](#) (October)

Clinical Training

- [Primary Care Training and Enhancement- Physician Assistant Rural Training in Behavioral Health \(PCTE PARB\)](#) (October)

Behavioral Health Services

- [Rural Health Clinic Behavioral Health Care Program](#) (December)
- [Behavioral Health Integration into Community Settings](#) (January)

Substance Use Disorder Treatment

- [Rural Substance Use Disorder Impact Program](#) (January)
- [Opioid-Impacted Family Support Program](#) (December)

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- Register to get email notifications when opportunities are available:
 - <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/manage-subscriptions.html>



The HRSA Regional Office provides training on the federal grants application process:

- How to Register to Apply
- Where to find funding opportunities
- Strategies and Tips for writing a strong application
- Budgeting, financial management, audits and oversight

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