



State Level RFI Tracking – Rural Health Transformation Fund

Background: The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP), as part of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act that was enacted into law on July 4, 2025, created a \$50 billion fund to strengthen health care across rural America. The \$50 billion will be distributed to all states between fiscal years (FYs) 2026 – 2030 with \$10 billion being distributed each fiscal year. Half of the \$50 billion will be allocated equally among all states with an application approved by CMS. The other 50% of funds will be distributed to states with an approved application in an amount determined by the CMS Administrator.

States are the only eligible applicants. D.C. and territories are not eligible. The primary recipient of each award must be a single state. Local governments, hospitals, universities, nonprofits, federally recognized tribes, individuals, and any other entity besides a state are ineligible to receive an RHT Program award. For application purposes, governors may designate a lead agency or office to develop and submit the application, such as the state department of health or state Medicaid agency. The application must include a letter of endorsement signed by the governor. The governor-designated lead agency or office that submitted the application will be awarded funding and is the prime awardee responsible to CMS.

State Response: In state solicitations for comment, Governors and Departments designated by Governors are looking to inform their application to CMS. Below is a tracking update of where states are in the process of developing their respective applications for the RHTF and a series of resources NRHA has developed.

Resources:

- [NRHA Rural Health Transformation Program Resource Hub](#)
- [CMS RHTP Website and Notice of Funding \(NOFO\)](#)
- [NRHA RHTP NOFO Summary](#)
- [CMS RHTP NOFO Webinar Summary](#)
- [Rural Health Transformation Program \(RHTP\) Notice of Funding Opportunity for State Policy Agendas](#)
- [Rural facility and population score estimates by state](#)
- [State Preparation Tracking](#)

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State	Department in Charge/ Point of Contact	RFI Open	RFI Close	Additional Information
Alabama	Office of the Governor, SHPDA, the Department of Finance and the Alabama Medicaid Agency	N/A	N/A	On September 17, 2025 , Governor Kay Ivey Press Release to established a state team to support application development.
Alaska	Department of Health Annalisa Haynie annalisa.haynie@alaska.gov	July 21st	August 22 nd	Alaska announced RHTF Projects they intend to explore and a document answering general questions that came from the RFI . Priorities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy Beginnings• Health Care Access• Healthy Communities• Pay for Value: Fiscal Sustainability• Strengthen Workforce• Spark Technology & Infrastructure
Arizona	Office of the Governor mkramer@az.gov	September 5 th	September 30 th	The survey , that closed on September 30 th , asked respondents how programs would mitigate impacts of H.R. 1. The survey asks which federally-outlined RHTP requirements/ activities the idea supports. The survey asks how the idea(s) submitted will mitigate the impacts of H.R. 1, including but not limited to the growth in uncompensated care. It emphasized proposal should involve programs that improve policies surrounding rural health care incompliance with the RHTP requirements.
Arkansas	Office of the Governor, Department of Finance & Administration, Department of Health, Department of Human Services, State Crime Laboratory, and the Arkansas Surgeon General	N/A	October 10	State launched a portal to enable stakeholders to submit proposal submissions that addresses goals of CMS NOFO.

<u>California</u>	Department of Health Care Access and Information CalSORH@hcai.ca.gov	September 5	September 16	The office of Rural Health hosted a kick off event to outline the HCAI's vision for the program. Feedback Listening Sessions were hosted in Sept. Application finalization, Review, and Submission will continue through October. The survey asked respondents to rank the activities allowed under RHTP based on their importance to strengthening rural health care, select the leading factors of rural hospital closures and provider service reductions. It asked respondents to identify critical lines of services, viable strategies to preserve the RHTP activities, and impactful long-term funding strategies. It then asks about specific activity proposals and resources.
<u>Colorado</u>	Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) HCPF_RHTP@state.co.us	N/A	N/A	RHTP Fact Sheet that details the state's engagement with internal and external partners, research into existing programs and priorities, and development of impact analyses.
<u>Connecticut</u>	Department of Social Services	September 17	October 9	The public comment form circulated by the Department. The survey asks open-ended questions about barriers, opportunities, data and evidence, and other comments related to the funding opportunity. Additional information for input can be found here . There were two in-person and one virtual-only session where anyone can tell the Department their thoughts on rural health. In person: October 3 rd and October 6 th . Virtual: October 6 th .
<u>Delaware</u>	Governor's Office Governors Policy Director Kevin Myers	August 26	September 19	The Delaware Governor's Office is administering the RFI. All content and questions are in line with federal guidance and the state does not include its own priorities. Governor Matt Meyers' office is handling the programs response.
<u>Florida</u>	Agency for Health Care Administration	September 5	September 16	Based on the RFI, the state asked for ideas in the following three areas of focus:

	Agency encourages tracking through the Florida Medicaid Health Care Alerts system.			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of new health care delivery strategies, including alternative payment models that enhance access to care and address gaps (e.g., mobile health care delivery, value-based payment strategies, etc.); • Adoption of technology solutions that promote and advance the delivery of care in rural areas, including solutions that prevent and or manage chronic diseases (e.g., remote patient monitoring, telehealth, hospital at home, etc.); • Strategies for recruiting and retaining a clinical workforce to serve in a rural community for at least five years.
Georgia	Department of Community Health	August 11	August 29	<p>The Department of Community Health received 169 valid public comments with supplemental materials that are available for review by the public. Priority will be given to suggestions that meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support for rural providers with “rural” being defined as a population of 50,000 or less ▪ Short term projects (able to be accomplished within 24 months, or projects that include discrete components that can be implemented in 24-month increments) ▪ Not anticipated to create ongoing obligations from the state beyond the end of the defined allocation ▪ Suggestion meets at least one of the statutorily-required activities
Hawaii	Office of the Governor, Department of Health, Department of Human Services	September 19	October 20	<p>The State of Hawaii has opened a public engagement survey for the Rural Health Transformation Program that is an open submission portal where community members, providers, and stakeholders can share descriptions of local health needs, project ideas, or broader community priorities. The survey will collect information on community health needs, ideas for</p>

				<p>potential projects, and comments. The survey does not ask any specific questions, offering a submission portal for a description of an idea, project, or community need. This flexible format allows participants to propose initiatives or highlight challenges directly relevant to rural health in Hawaii. Submissions can be made through the state's engagement site.</p>
<u>Idaho</u>	Department of Health & Welfare	September 5	September 30	<p>The survey asks respondents to share how their projects could sustain funding after the five-year period. Priority will be given to proposals that keep administrative costs low. Respondents are also asked to rank the RHTP activities from most to least important. The state says that “initiatives should be focused on Idahoans who are lawfully present and are part of one of the following populations: (1) women who are pregnant or recently gave birth; (2) children and persons under the age of 20; (3) older adults residing in a rural county; (4) disabled and/or medically complex youth and adults residing in a rural county.”</p>
<u>Illinois</u>	Department of Healthcare and Family Services	August 27	September 24	<p>The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) welcomed feedback on using RHTP funds to support rural health communities under P.L. 119-21. All content and questions are in line with federal guidance and the state does not include its own priorities.</p>
<u>Indiana</u>	<p>Family and Social Services Administration & Indiana Department of Health</p> <p>ruralhealthworkgroup@fssa.in.gov.</p>	N/A	October 3	<p>State has convened a Rural Health Transformation Program Grant Application Working Group. The working group will meet over five sessions. The group is prioritizing MAHA, sustainability, workforce development, innovative care models, and technology innovation.</p>
<u>Iowa</u>	Office of the Governor	N/A	N/A	<p>No information has been publicly provided by Governor Reynolds.</p>

<u>Kansas</u>	Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) CareCollaborativeGeneral@kumc.edu	N/A	October 3	Initiative submissions should include a description, four quantifiable evaluation metrics, sustainability plan, and workplan consistent with CMS NOFO. University of Kansas Health System Care Collaborative presented an educational webinar .
Kentucky	Office of the Governor	N/A	N/A	No information has been publicly provided by Governor Beshear.
<u>Louisiana</u>	Department of Health RuralHealthTransformation@la.gov	September 3	September 24	The state published its survey asking about ideas within the five strategic focus areas, in line with the CMS NOFO. The focus areas are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Rural America Healthy Again • Sustainable Access • Workforce Development • Innovative Care • Tech Innovation LDH sought input from hospitals, healthcare providers, academic institutions, CBOs, technology suppliers, and rural residents on strategies to address challenges in delivering rural healthcare. Following the closure of the RFI the state of Louisiana is hosted Community Idea Raiser programs.
<u>Maine</u>	Department of Health and Human Services	September 16	October 1	The RFI requested respondents to identify rural health challenges most important for Maine to address within the five-year timeframe. It also asks respondents about existing initiatives that could be built off of within the federal areas prioritized.
<u>Maryland</u>	Maryland Department of Health mdh.transformruralhealth@maryland.gov Sarah Seitz Director SORH Maryland Department of Health	September 9	September 30	The MD DH sought innovative projects, ideas, and strategies to strengthen rural health across the state through a request for information form consistent with CMS NOFO. In addition, the Department partnered with local health departments to host listening sessions , providing communities with further opportunities to share insights.

	sara.seitz@maryland.gov			<p>Please see the Maryland Rural Health Transformation Program webpage for a summary.</p> <p>Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to submit their project proposals or ideas using the request for information form available at: https://bit.ly/MdRuralHealth-Input</p>
Massachusetts	Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS)	N/A	October 9	<p>RFI on improving healthcare access, quality, and outcomes in MA's rural communities to help inform the state's development of its application. A notice of intent, 1) the rural health facilities it intends to partner with to meet the strategic goals of the funding and 2) the definition it used to determine the rural health facilities, target populations and geographic areas.</p>
Michigan	Department of Health and Human Services	September 2	September 22	<p>The survey asked respondents to rank federal activities by priority. The survey included pathways for Medicaid beneficiaries to provide information about current and anticipated access to care and rural providers to provide information about the impact of H.R. 1 funding cuts on care delivery. The survey asks for input on how the state should define "rural" if the federal government does not provide a definition, and how it should evaluate projects from urban organizations investing in rural communities. Michigan DHHS includes sustainability, workforce, and access (especially for Medicaid and rural patients) as guiding principles.</p>
Minnesota	Department of Health rural.transformation.mdh@state.mn.us	September 9	September 26	<p>MN solicited input on four activity areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence-based interventions to address disease prevention, chronic disease management, behavioral health, and maternal care • Innovative health care delivery and payment models to improve health outcomes, promote community-based models or regional collaboration among

				<p>providers, and/or incentivize providers to improve quality and reduce costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies to recruit and retain health care providers in rural areas • Use of technology solutions to promote efficient care delivery, improve data security, and/or maintain and increase access to care for rural residents <p>The survey asked respondents for a high-level summary of rural health care needs. It also asked respondents to share ideas including stakeholders, implementation timeline, and intended outcomes/success metrics. The web landing page covers considerations, the anticipated plan, and eligible activities.</p>
<u>Mississippi</u>	Division of Medicaid and Mississippi State Department of Health	July 29	August 14	<p>The public survey received over 200 proposed plans and initiatives regarding five components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving access to healthcare for rural Mississippians • Improving healthcare outcomes for rural residents • Prioritizing new technology emphasizing preventing and chronic disease management • Building strategic, regional partnerships among providers in rural communities • Enhancing recruitment and training of healthcare practitioners for rural MS <p>For each component, the survey asked about current challenges, short and long-term solutions, and measures of success.</p> <p>Following the survey, the DMMSDH has convened a committee to help select the consultants, programs, and hear program ideas to go into the application. Selected presenters were allotted a time slot to present their idea(s) for the Mississippi Rural Health Transformation</p>

				Program directly to representatives from the Mississippi Office of the Governor, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, and the Mississippi State Department of Health.
<u>Missouri</u>	Department of Social Services	August 26	September 30	The Missouri program design will place a specific emphasis on strengthening rural providers' readiness to participate in value-based care models. This approach is intended to build the necessary capacity, infrastructure, and support systems to ensure that providers can successfully transition and sustain their participation over time. The survey stated that because the funds are not permanent, the MO design will focus explicitly on rural provider readiness to participate in value-based models to ensure a sustainable impact. The survey also lists priorities including capacity building for providers, strategic partnerships, and community-level performance and hubs. The survey was sent out via email from MODSS.
<u>Montana</u>	Department of Public Health and Human Services Amanda Harrow aharrow@mt.gov	August 11	August 22	The state emphasizes that this is one-time funding, so proposals that require ongoing funding without a robust sustainability plan will not be prioritized for review. Public comment meeting was held Oct 2 nd hosted by DPHHS Director Charlie Brereton and Medicaid and Health Services Executive Director Rebecca de Camara. All ideas and initiatives shared directly informed the state's strategy and priorities. Montana has submitted its Letter of Intent to CMS to apply for the RHTP.
<u>Nebraska</u>	Dept of Health & Human Services dhhs.ruralhealth@nebraska.gov .	N/A	N/A	Stakeholders can send questions and proposals in preparation for the Rural Health Transformation Program to dhhs.ruralhealth@nebraska.gov .
<u>Nevada</u>	Nevada Health Authority	August 20	September 22	The state sought concepts that will avoid fiscal cliffs at the end of 5-year grant. NHA has a specific focus on

				<p>workforce in the survey. The survey section on sustainability of funds specifically mentioned rural workforce and there was a dedicated survey question about it. The survey asked how the state should define rural if left undefined by the federal government and how the state should consider projects from urban entities investing in rural communities.</p> <p>Nevada OBBBA Rural Health Transformation Survey Notice of Public Workshop-Rural Health Transformation Program Survey Results and Public Comment</p>
New Hampshire	Department of Health and Human Services rhtf@dhhs.nh.gov	September 22	October 2	<p>The office of rural health solicited information and resources about the Rural Health Transformation Program, highlighted priorities including: value based payment structures, IT, cyber security, workforce, shared EMR, AI analytics and scribes, RPM and AI analytics, home care, medical transportation, knowledge hubs, telehealth, and more. The survey asked respondents to outline expected milestones, success metrics, and budget.</p> <p>New Hampshire hosted a summit with rural health care stakeholders on September 4, 2025 to seek input for the states Rural Health Transformation Program application.</p>
New Jersey	New Jersey Health Department RHTP.Application@doh.nj.gov	September 26	October 7	<p>Online survey and virtual listening session. More information on the process can be found on the NJDOH Rural Health page.</p>
New Mexico	New Mexico Health Care Authority Wenona Padgett Wenona.padgett@hca.nm.gov	September 23	October 10* Extended from October 3rd	<p>HCA released a Request for Information(RFI) that invited submission of concepts and initiatives that align with CMS NOFO priorities and will support a competitive state grant application. Each initiative should include anticipated costs, outcomes, and statewide scalability.</p>



<u>New York</u>	Department of Health RHTP@health.ny.gov	N/A	September 30	NY State Department of Health requested public comments on improving healthcare access, quality, and outcomes by transforming the healthcare delivery ecosystem.
<u>North Carolina</u>	Department of Health and Human Services	August 14	None	Partners, providers and the public are encouraged to give feedback on what should be considered for North Carolina's application consistent with the CMS NOFO.
<u>North Dakota</u>	Department of Health Care Access and Information	September 5	September 16	The survey asked respondents to prioritize CMS-designated activities and provide ideas for how the funds could best support the respondent's rural community. Additional information requested through: Strengthen and Stabilize Rural Health Workforce Survey Form -Make ND Healthy Again Survey Form Bring High-Quality Health Care Closer to Home Survey Form -Connect Tech and Data for a Stronger ND Survey Form ND HHS is hosted virtual listening sessions on the state's Rural Health Transformation Program.
<u>Ohio</u>	Department of Health	September 16	October 3	To assist development of Ohio's application, the State is seeking public input on the concepts and priorities outlined in the OBBBA. Ohio has outlined five strategic goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make Rural America Healthy Again• Sustainable Access in Rural Communities• Rural Health Workforce Development• Innovative Care for Rural Residents• Tech Innovation to Improve Service Delivery to Rural Communities The survey asked respondents to describe long-term strategies to address the topic challenges, key

				performance indicators, and Ohio-based stakeholders with whom they have discussed ideas.
<u>Oklahoma</u>	Oklahoma State Department of Health Erica.Rankin@health.ok.gov	August 28	September 5	The survey asked for organizations to focus on the main five priority areas outlined by CMS and the governor. It also asked for a detailed proposal including success metrics, budget, additional staff required, and a sustainability plan.
<u>Oregon</u>	Oregon Health Authority RHTP@oha.oregon.gov	August 20	September 12	<u>The survey focused</u> more on short-term ready-to-launch projects, without an in depth discussion of sustainability. The survey seeks to identify unmet needs specifically, but it also asks about eligible initiatives in depth. Also, hosted forums to discuss suggestions and background before final submission.
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	Department of Human Services	August 15	September 26	Pennsylvania Governor asked that proposals highlight priority areas including maternal health, mental and behavioral health, aging and access to care, transportation and emergency medical services, and strengthening the rural health care workforce. Press release .
<u>Rhode Island</u>	Department of Health RIDOH.OPCRH@health.ri.gov	September 11	September 29	The survey solicited strategies to strengthen access, quality, workforce, partnerships, and technology through either structured project proposals or general feedback. RIDOH's Strategic Framework serves as a guide emphasizing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing socioeconomic and environmental determinants of health • Eliminating health disparities and promoting health equity • Ensuring access to quality health services for all Rhode Islanders, including vulnerable populations. - Rural Health Transformation Program Fact Sheet - Rural Health Transformation Program Community Listening Session

<u>South Carolina</u>	Department of Health and Human Services grants@scdhhs.gov	September 23	None	The survey solicited initiative ideas and asked questions specific to the NOFO's information request, including partner entities, outcomes, sustainability, and funding. South Carolina held a stakeholder webinar to solicit feedback from the community. Slides from the webinar can be found here , www.scdhhs.gov/rhtp
<u>South Dakota</u>	Department of Social Services & SD Department of Health DSS.Medicaid@state.sd.us	August 25	September 22	Constituents were encouraged to fill out a survey . The requesting feedback on federal priorities and solicits ideas for opportunities, asking specifically about sustainability and cost. This letter is the formal guidance from the state.
<u>Tennessee</u>	Department of Health Rural.Health@tn.gov .	September 25	None	Rural Health Access for Tennessee's Future website provides an email address for stakeholder comments, feedback, ideas, proposals, or suggestions.
<u>Texas</u>	Health and Human Services Commission	August 4	September 9	<p>Texas' guidelines state that comments must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on projects or initiatives that are one-time costs or projects that can be sustained without additional state or federal funding. • Focus on rural Texans who are lawfully present and (1) women who are pregnant or recently gave birth; (2) persons under the age of 20; (3) older adults residing in a rural county; or (4) persons who are uninsured. • Promote innovation • Be federally and state compliant • Align with all Texas statutes and riders • Promote efficiency <p>Funding will be allocated to providers that are in counties with a population of 68,750 or fewer or who meet the Texas Medicaid definition of rural hospital or rural health clinic.</p>
<u>Utah</u>	Department of Health and Human Services	August 13	August 22	The survey asked respondents to identify priorities from the federal guidelines but there is also a section for additional comments, suggestions, or specific

	ruralht@utah.gov			<p>project ideas that should be considered in the state's Rural Health Transformation Plan. This information was provided to four RHTP workgroups of stakeholders to share input, develop priorities, and shape state investments.</p> <p>Separately, from September 26-October 6, Utah DHHS held an open call to solicit project proposals and potential initiatives, which were also channeled to the workgroups and subsequently discussed in open sessions on October 9 and 10. These project proposals are informing how Utah develops its state plan to improve access, quality, and sustainability of rural health care.</p>
<u>Vermont</u>	Agency of Human Services AHS.HealthCareReform@vermont.gov	September 15	None	The Agency of Human Services published a RHTF webpage that includes an " H.R. 1 Contact Form " that offers respondents the opportunity to provide freeform questions/comments.
<u>Virginia</u>	Office of the Governor and Secretary of Health and Human Resources ruraltransformation@governor.virginia.gov	August 27	September 22	Governor Glenn Youngkin's Executive Directive 12 , directed the Department of Health and Human Resources to develop a Rural Health Transformation Plan using an assessment of need, national best practices, investment strategies, listening sessions and engagement with external partners regarding work requirements. Written RFI proposals included a measure of success and sustainability plans and should be submitted via email to ruraltransformation@governor.virginia.gov .
<u>Washington</u>	Washington State Health Care Authority payingforvalue@hca.wa.gov	August 8	September 26	HCA does not include state/department-specific priorities in their RFI but looked for projects that are ready to be launched in the near-term and can be sustained after funding ends. Key priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting essential hospital services • Workforce investments

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology and building maintenance • Prevention and care management • Access to care • Behavioral Health <p>Washington state letter of intent Webinar questions and answers Webinar slide deck Public engagement one-pager</p>
West Virginia	Office of the Governor RHTP@wv.gov	September 18	September 29	The RFI requests information on the underlying rationale for pursuing rural health transformation, examples of effective programs implemented within the state, the strategic vision and anticipated use of transformation funds, and associated funding and operational considerations.
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Department of Health Services	August 11	September 3	The state received responses the request for information , that specified activities directly from the CMS guidelines, to identify priorities and detail a proposed use of funds, including a sustainability strategy.
Wyoming	Department of Health	September 23	None	DHS published a form for individuals or relevant organizations to provide general comments and suggestions. Slide deck providers overview of what the state is expecting in its solicitation of input.