



**Indiana
Department
of
Health**

Rural Health Transformation Program Grant Application Working Group

September 2025



Agenda



<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>
3:00 - 3:05	Welcome & opening remarks
3:05 - 3:15	Overview of the RHTP NOFO application
3:15 - 3:55	Ideas and Thoughts from Working Group
3:55 - 4:00	Next Steps

CMS released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on 9/15/2025

One application will be accepted per state

FSSA will be submitting the application through grants.gov

Application due
November 5, 2025

Rural Health Transformation Program Application

Supporting rural communities to improve healthcare access, quality, and outcomes through system transformation

The RHT Program focuses on promoting innovation, strategic partnerships, infrastructure development, and workforce investment

5 strategic goals

Make rural America healthy again

Support rural health innovations and new access points to promote preventative health and address root causes of diseases. Projects will use evidence-based, outcomes-driven interventions to improve disease prevention, chronic disease management, behavioral health, and prenatal care.

Sustainable access

Help rural providers become long-term access points for care by improving efficiency and sustainability. With RHT Program support, rural facilities work together—or with high-quality regional systems—to share or coordinate operations, technology, primary and specialty care, and emergency services

Workforce development

Attract and retain a high-skilled health care workforce by strengthening recruitment and retention of healthcare providers in rural communities. Help rural providers practice at the top of their license and develop a broader set of providers to serve a rural community's needs, such as community health workers, pharmacists, and individuals trained to help patients navigate the healthcare system

5 strategic goals continued

Innovative care

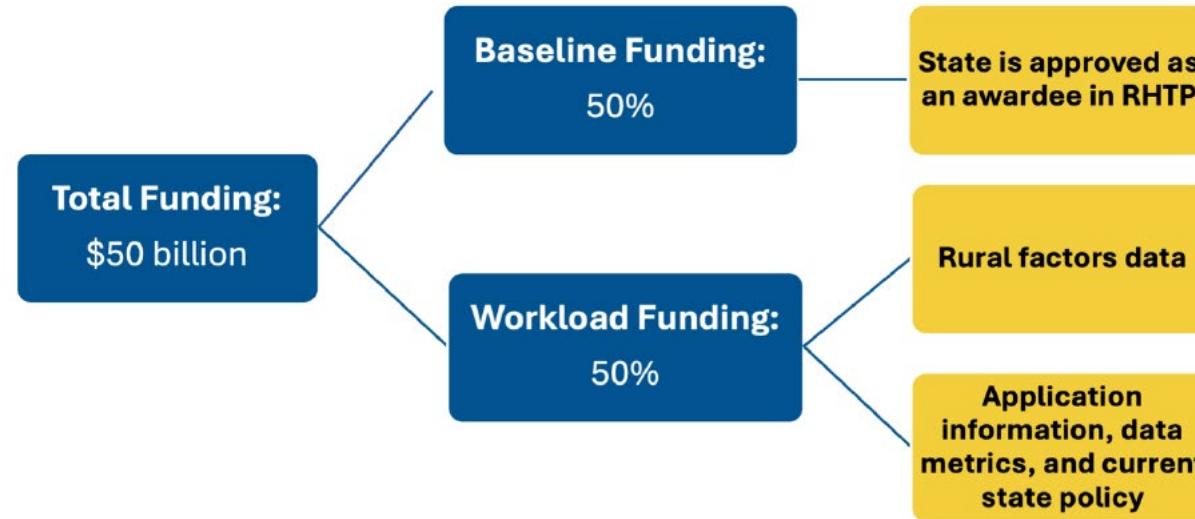
Spark the growth of innovative care models to improve health outcomes, coordinate care, and promote flexible care arrangements. Develop and implement payment mechanisms incentivizing providers or Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) to reduce health care costs, improve quality of care, and shift care to lower cost settings

Tech innovation

Foster use of innovative technologies that promote efficient care delivery, data security, and access to digital health tools by rural facilities, providers, and patients. Projects support access to remote care, improve data sharing, strengthen cybersecurity, and invest in emerging technologies

Proposed initiatives must describe which strategic goal aligns with the initiative

Funds Distribution



Baseline Funding
\$25 Billion
equally among all approved
(50 max) states

Workload Funding
\$25 Billion
distributed based on content
and quality of application
and rural factors

Application

Rural Health needs and target population

Data about landscape and identity of target populations and geographic areas of Indiana that will benefit from funds

Rural Health transformation plan: Goals and strategies

Vision, goals, and strategies for transforming rural health in a structured manner

Other Required components in the plan

- Program key performance objectives
- Strategic goals alignment
- Legislative or regulatory action

Proposed initiatives and use of funds

- Initiative (10 words or less)
- Description
- Main strategic goal
- Use of funds
- Technical score factors
- Key stakeholders
- Outcomes
- Impacted counties
- Estimated required funding

Working Group Ideas / Comments





Next steps



Continue to identify options for use of funds in application
Work on application content



Public Listening sessions

Working on dates and locations, potentially 2 in-person & 1 virtual listening session



Working Group Session #3
(10/7 review status of application)



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FSSA Website:

<https://www.in.gov/fssa/policiesinfoforms/indiana-rural-health-transformation-program-grant-application-working-group/>