



**Indiana**  
Department  
of  
**Health**

# Rural Health Transformation Program Grant Application Working Group

September 2025





# Agenda

## Schedule

## Agenda Item

3:00 - 3:05

**Welcome & opening remarks**

3:05 - 3:15

**Overview of the RHTTP 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](https://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

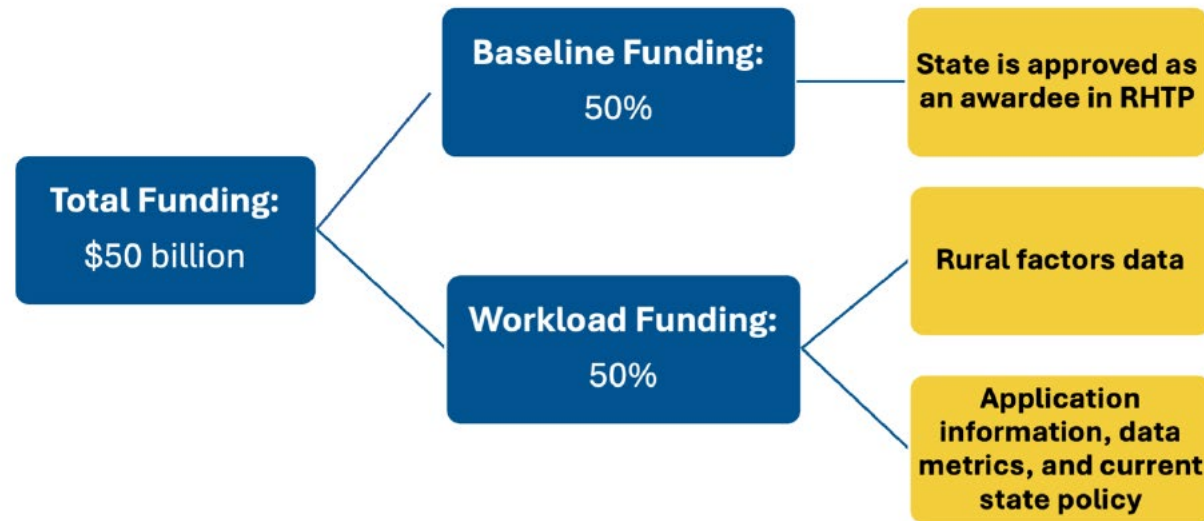
Spark the growth of innovative care models to improve health outcomes, coordinate care, and promote flexible care arrangements. Develop and implement payment mechanisms incentivizing providers or Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) to reduce health care costs, improve quality of care, and shift care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