



NEVADA

RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

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Agenda

- 1 | Quick Overview of the Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program**
High-level review of RHT background and structure.
- 2 | Four Strategic Priorities**
Strategic priorities formed through stakeholder engagement that frame rural health system improvement.
- 3 | Subrecipients & Contractors**
Review RHT cost limitations.
- 4 | Focus Areas for the Year**
A broad preview of the areas the NVHA will center its work on in 2026 to advance RHT goals.
- 5 | Questions and Discussion**
Open discussion and questions.



Rural Health Transformation Overview



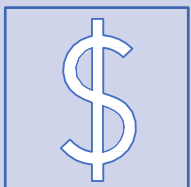
Rural Health Transformation Program



[H.R. 1 Section 71401](#), the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), enacted July 4, 2025, establishes a new federal grant program called the Rural Health Transformation Program.



The program is intended to make investments in rural health and lead to truly sustainable transformation of health care in rural areas.



\$10 billion per federal fiscal years 2026-2030 for a total of \$50 billion available across all 50 states. States were awarded based on **50% baseline** funding and **50% workload** funding.

All 50 states applied and were awarded, pending approval of revised budgets.



Nevada Awarded RHT Grant Funds



Year 1 award amount = \$179,931,608*

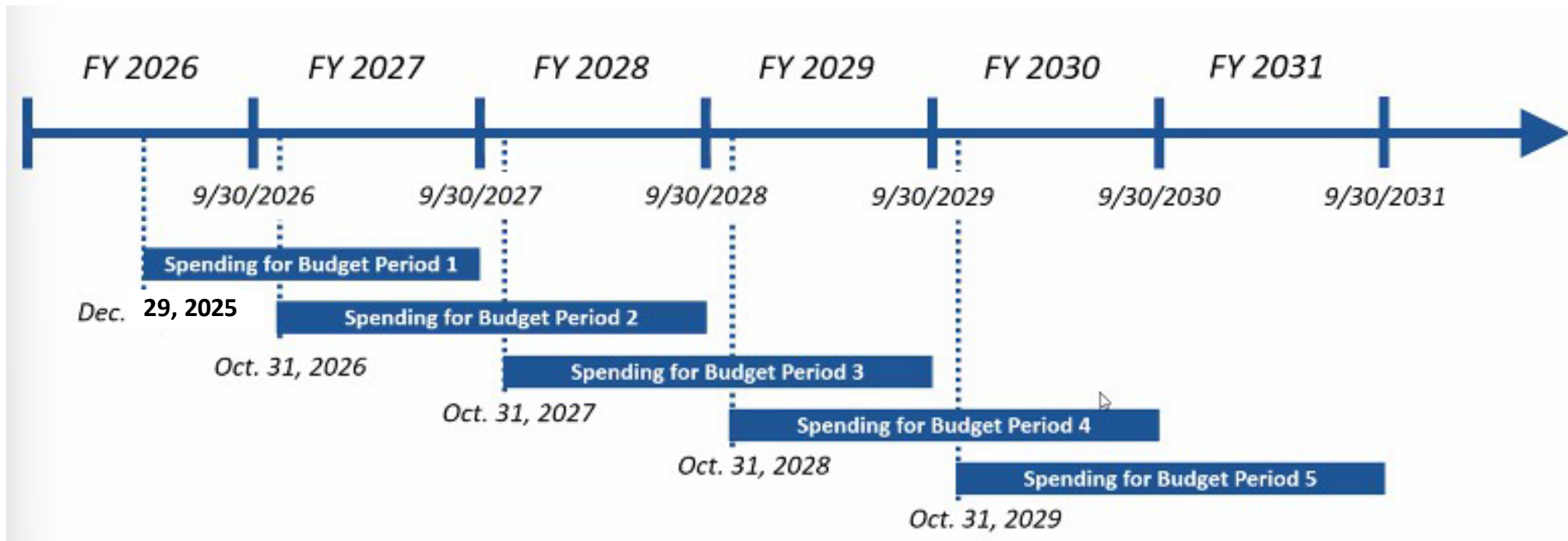
- Original request of \$200M annually per CMS guidance
- Award amounts varied among all states based on adjustments to workload funding and technical score factors
- Budget revision submitted to CMS
- NVHA must apply annually to CMS for continued funding under the cooperative agreement



RHT Funding Distribution & Use Deadlines

For each budget period, recipients will have until the end of the following fiscal year (September 30) to spend awarded funding.

- Budget Period 1 started on December 29, 2025, and subsequent Budget Periods will start on October 31 of each fiscal year.





Strategic Priorities



Nevada RHT Strategic Goals & Priorities



*Make Rural America
Healthy Again*



Sustainable Access



Workforce



Technology Innovation

Rural Health Outcomes Accelerator Program

- Evidence-based, outcomes driven initiatives
- Chronic disease prevention & management
- Behavioral health
- Prenatal care

Flex Fund to Strengthen Rural Health Infrastructure

- Rural CAHs and clinic infrastructure needs
- Leverage regional buying power; regional purchasing strategies
- Shared resources
- No new construction

Workforce Recruitment & Rural Access Program

- Grow-Your-Own Pipeline
- Tuition & training support
- CHWs, CHRs, PSS recruitment & training
- Addressing burnout, isolation & retention
- Incentives for new rural provider hires
- Rural residency programs

Rural Health Innovation & Technology

- Digital health ecosystem in rural Nevada
- Rural telehealth infrastructure
- Access to patient-centered care
- Interoperable health data sharing systems



Nevada RHT Funding

Budget Period 1 = December 29, 2025 - October 30, 2026

Funds must be **obligated by 10/01/26** and **liquidated (spent) by 9/30/27**

Rural Health Outcome
Accelerator Program
(RHOAP)

\$26,989,791*

Flex Fund for Rural Provider

\$35,986,322*

Workforce Recruitment and
Rural Access Program
(WRRAP)

\$71,972,643*

Rural Health Innovation and
Technology (RHIT)

\$26,989,791*



Additional RHT Funding Priorities



\$2,384,094*

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\$8,096,922*

\$1,298,985*

Rural Veterans

Rural Corrections

Rural Tribal Health

Presidential Fitness Test





Rural Health Outcomes Accelerator Program

Funding: \$26,989,791



Make Rural Nevada Healthy Again

Strategic Investment Areas

- Prevention and chronic disease management
- Behavioral health services
- Access to appropriate levels of care
- Innovative care delivery models

Desired Outcomes

- Lower mortality from heart disease in rural Nevada
- More prenatal and postpartum visits among Medicaid-enrolled pregnant women
- Expanded care management for mental health and substance use disorders
- Reduced age-adjusted suicide rates in rural Nevada



Flex Fund for Rural Providers

Funding: \$35,986,322



Sustainable Access

Strategic Investment Area

- Capital expenditures and infrastructure

Desired Outcomes

- New regional purchasing and sharing arrangements for rural healthcare infrastructure
- Increase in transport access for non-emergency and emergency services in rural areas
- More modern healthcare infrastructure in rural Nevada
- Increase in the number of mobile care units in rural Nevada



Workforce Recruitment & Rural Access Program

Funding: \$71,972,643



Workforce

Strategic Investment Areas

- Workforce Recruitment
- Workforce Retention

Desired Outcomes

- Increase in number of primary care physicians in rural
- Increase in the number of nurses in rural Nevada
- Increase the number of physician assistants in rural Nevada
- Increase the number of various behavioral health provider types in rural Nevada



Rural Health Innovation and Technology

Funding: \$26,989,741



Technology Innovation

Strategic Investment Area	Desired Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">IT advances and consumer technology innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Increase the number of claims paid for telehealth services for rural Nevada by 25% by 2031Increase the number of rural providers serving rural Nevada that participate in the CMS Health Technology Ecosystem by 25% by 2031At least one hospital or provider clinic in each region will implement new cybersecurity software/technologyUse of new AI health tools to support patient care, remote monitoring, enhanced diagnostics or administrative efficiencies



Subrecipients & Contractors



RHT Unallowable Costs

- New construction
- Supplanting funding for in-process or planned construction projects.
- Replacing payment for clinical services that are reimbursable.
- Clinician salaries or wage supports for facilities that subject clinicians to non-compete contractual limitations.

- Supplanting existing state, local, tribal or private funding of infrastructure or services such as staff salaries.
- Services, equipment, or supports that are the legal responsibility of another party under federal, State, or tribal law, such as vocational rehabilitation or education services.



Important Subrecipient/Contractor Information

- If you do not currently have a Nevada Business License through the Secretary of State, you are encouraged to do so before the application is approved. To apply for a Nevada Business License visit: <https://www.nvsilverflume.gov/home>.
- If you are not currently a **vendor with the State of Nevada**, you may apply after the application is approved. However, active vendor registration with the State of Nevada is required to receive funds awarded through this announcement opportunity. To apply for vendor status, visit Vendor Registration: <https://www.controller.nv.gov/vendor-services/electronic-vendor-registration/>.
- Purchasing Division uses electronic procurement system Nevada Epro. Vendors must create an account to access procurement opportunities. [Vendor Registration\Database](#).
- If you do not have a **Unique Entity ID**, you are encouraged to do so before the application is approved. To apply for a Unique Entity ID, visit www.SAM.gov.



More Information for Subrecipients & Contractors

- Grantees are reimbursed monthly or quarterly
- Grantees must comply with quarterly and annual reporting requirements
- Grantees may apply for and receive funds under more than one initiative. They may be managed as separate grants





Focus Areas for the Year



Next Steps in the RHT Program



Important Notes on RHT Timing and Deadlines

- ★ **Deadline:** All Year 1 RHT funds must be obligated by **October 01, 2026**, and spent by **September 30, 2027**. (\$180M)
- Consider this funding timeline when developing RHT projects & activities for Year 1 RFAs and RFPs

Helpful RHT Links:

- [Nevada RHT website](#)
- Nevada [RHT meetings website](#)
- ★ Sign up for [NVHA ListServ](#)
- Contact the team: RHTP@nvha.nv.gov

- February – March: RHT Public Workshops!

- Assemble RHT Steering Committee – first meeting March 11, 2026

- Hire NVHA RHT Program Staff

- **March 2026:** publish **RFAs for subawards** for Rural Veterans/Corrections/Tribal/Flex Initiatives

- RFA applications for Year 1 funds accepted continuously **through August 28, 2026**

- Publish **RFPs for contracts** and RFAs for the 4 Primary RHT Initiatives April-May 2026



Questions & Discussion



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