



NEVADA
RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

Rural Health Transformation Program

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Rural Health Transformation Program



[H.R. 1 Section 71401](#), the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), enacted July 4, 2025, established 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.

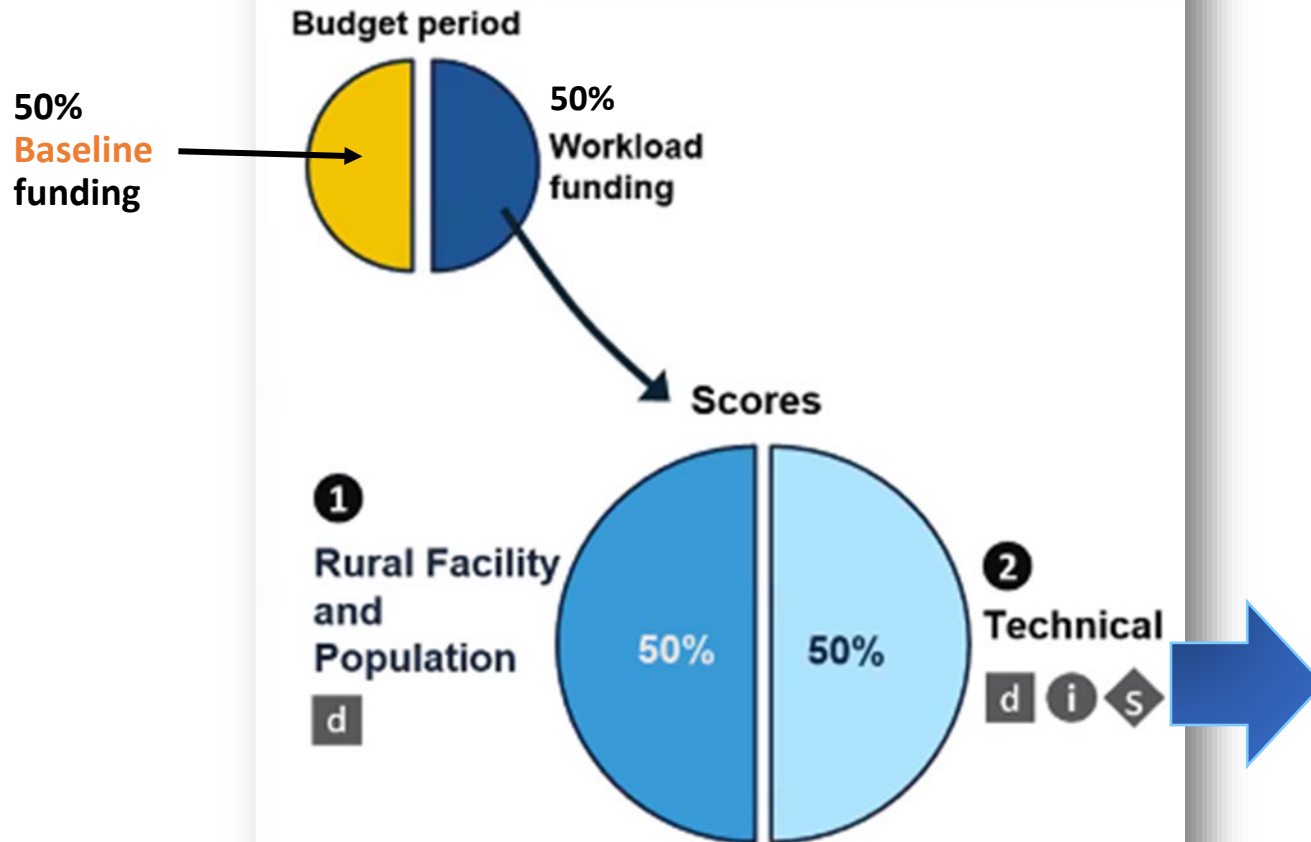


\$10 billion per federal fiscal years 2026-2030 available across all 50 states. States were awarded based on **50% baseline** funding and **50% workload** funding.



RHT Funding Award Overview

Workload funding is based on two scores



Scores Awarded Based on 3 Types of Funding Score Factors

- d Data Driven:** value of state's metrics compared to other states.
- i Initiative Based:** qualitative assessment of programmatic initiatives outlined in the application and subsequent state follow through.
- s State Policy Actions:** current state policy, proposed policy action that the state commits to by accepting the award, and subsequent follow-through toward meeting policy action commitments.

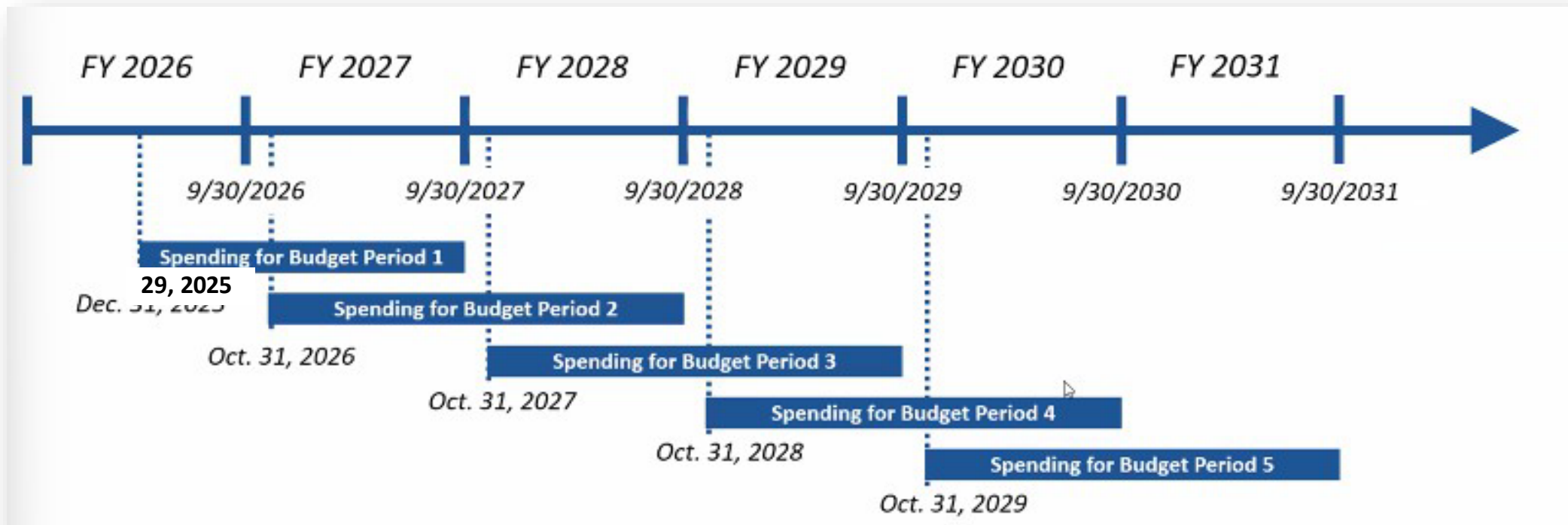


RHT Funding Use Deadlines

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

For example:

- Budget Period 1 (BP1) started on December 29, 2025, and runs through October 30, 2026
- All BP1 funds must be fully spent by September 30, **2027**.





Nevada Awarded RHT Grant Funds

BP1 award amount = \$179,931,608.42

- Award amounts varied among all states based on adjustments to workload funding and technical score factors
- NVHA must apply annually to CMS for continued funding under the cooperative agreement
- NVHA and CMS work closely together throughout the life of the RHT grant award





Federal RHT Program Strategic Goals

Make Rural America Healthy Again

- Support rural health innovations and new access points to promote preventative health and address root causes of disease

Sustainable Access

- Help rural providers become long-term access points for care by improving efficiency and sustainability

Workforce Development

- Attract and retain a high-skilled health care workforce by strengthening recruitment and retention of healthcare providers in rural communities

Innovative Care

- Spark the growth of innovative care models to improve health outcomes, coordinate care, and promote flexible care arrangements

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



Rural Health Outcomes Accelerator Program (RHOAP)

Notes Up Front

- RHT Goal Alignment = Make Rural America Healthy Again
- **15%** of awarded funds annually dedicated to RHOAP
- BP1 RHOAP funds available = **\$26,989,791**
- RFP opportunity available beginning in May



Strategic Investment Areas

- Evidence-based, outcomes driven projects
- Prevention & chronic disease management
- Behavioral health & prenatal care
- Access to appropriate levels of care
- Innovative care delivery models

Desired Outcomes

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



Flex Fund to Strengthen Rural Health Infrastructure

Notes Up Front

- RHT Goal Alignment = Sustainable Access
- 20% of awarded funds annually dedicated to Flex Fund
- BP1 Flex Funds available = **\$35,986,322**
- RFA opportunity available beginning in March



Strategic Investment Areas

- Capital expenditures & infrastructure
- Rural hospitals/clinic infrastructure needs
- Leverage regional buying power & regional purchasing strategies
- Shared resources
- No new construction

Desired Outcomes

- New regional purchasing/sharing agreements for rural health care infrastructure
- Improved access to emergency and non-emergency transportation in rural areas
- Increase mobile care units in rural NV
- Increase access to more modern healthcare infrastructure in rural NV



Workforce Recruitment & Rural Access Program (WRRAP)

Notes Up Front

- RHT Goal Alignment = Workforce
- **40%** of awarded funds annually dedicated to WRRAP
- BP1 WRRAP funds available = **\$71,972,643**
- **RFA** opportunities available beginning in April/May
- **RFP** opportunity available beginning in May



Strategic Investment Areas

- Workforce recruitment & retention
- Grow-Your-Own Pipeline
- Tuition/training support: CHWs/PSS/etc.
- Provider burnout/isolation/retention
- Incentives for new rural provider hires
- Rural workforce programs

Desired Outcomes

- Increase # of primary care physicians practicing in rural NV
- Increase # of RNs practicing in rural NV
- Increase # of PAs practicing in rural NV
- Increase # of various behavioral health providers practicing in rural NV
- Increase # of lab technicians in rural NV



Rural Health Innovation and Technology (RHIT)

Notes Up Front

- RHT Goal Alignment = Technology Innovation
- **15%** of awarded funds annually dedicated to RHIT
- BP1 RHIT funds available = **\$26,989,741**
- RFP opportunity available beginning in May



Strategic Investment Areas

- IT advances and consumer technology innovation
- Digital health ecosystem in rural NV
- Rural telehealth infrastructure
- Use of new AI health tools to support patient care, remote monitoring, enhanced diagnostics or administrative efficiencies

Desired Outcomes

- Increase # of claims paid for telehealth services in rural NV by 25% by 2031
- Increase # of providers serving rural NV that participate in the CMS Health Technology Ecosystem by 25% by 2031
- At least 1 rural hospital or provider clinic in each region/county will implement new cybersecurity software/technology



Additional BP1 RHT Funding Priorities

Rural Tribal
Health
Transformation

\$8,096,922

Nevada's 28
federally-
recognized
Tribes

Rural Veteran
Health
Transformation

\$2,384,094

BP1: NDVS

Rural Corrections
Health
Transformation

\$2,384,094

BP1: NDOC

Presidential
Fitness Test

\$1,298,985

BP1: NDE &
SPCSA



Questions



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Acronyms

- BP1: Budget Period 1 for the Rural Health Transformation Program = 12/29/25 – 10/30/26
- CMS: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- H.R.: House Resolution
- NDE: Nevada Department of Education
- NDOC: Nevada Department of Corrections
- NDVS: Nevada Department of Veterans Services
- NVHA: Nevada Health Authority
- RHIT: Rural Health Innovation & Technology
- RHOAP: Rural Health Outcomes Accelerator Program
- RHT: Rural Health Transformation
- SPCSA: State Public Charter School Authority
- WRRAP: Workforce Recruitment and Rural Access Program