

# **Health Resources and Services Administration**

## **Rural Community Infrastructure P3 Roundtable Meeting**

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# Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

## Overview

- Supports more than 90 programs that provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically challenged
- HRSA does this through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 3,000 awardees, including community and faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, hospitals, state, local, and tribal governments, and private entities
- Every year, HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people, including people living with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, mothers and their families, and those otherwise unable to access quality health care



# Health Center Program

- Roughly 1,400 HRSA-supported health centers operate more than 10,400 service delivery sites across all U.S. states and territories
- Nearly 26 million people, or 1 in 12 nationwide, rely on a HRSA-funded health center for affordable, accessible primary health care, including:
  - 1 in 3 people living in poverty
  - 1 in 6 rural residents
  - 1 in 10 children
  - 330,000+ veterans
  - 300,000 American Indian/Alaska Natives
- Primary Care Associations

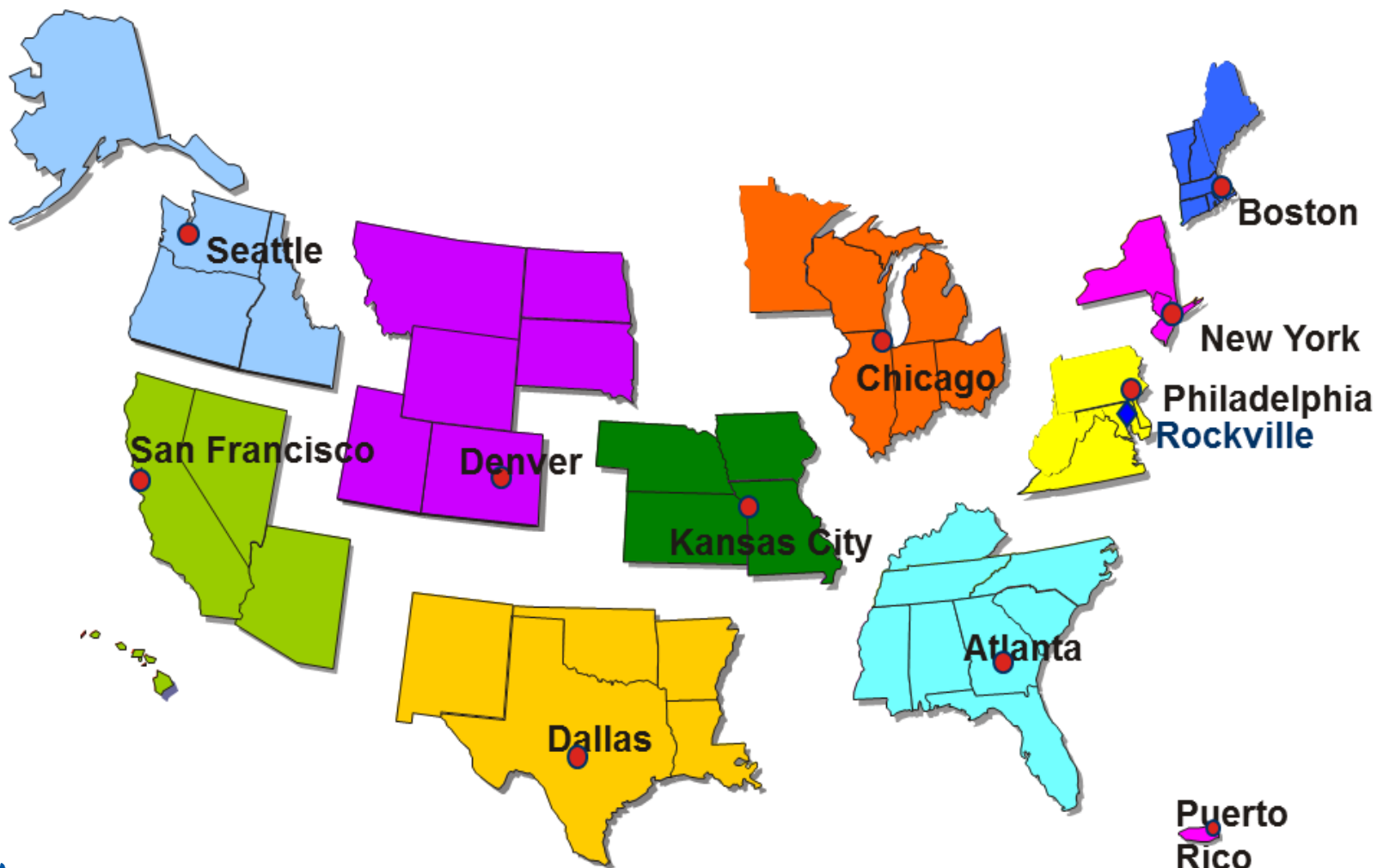


# National Health Service Corps and NURSE Corps

- Supports 12,000+ scholarships and loan repayments in exchange for service in high-need areas
  - National Health Service Corps (NHSC) currently supports primary care physicians, dentists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, behavioral health providers, and other primary care providers and health professions students
  - NURSE Corps currently supports licensed registered nurses and nurse faculty members
- NHSC and NURSE Corps clinicians provide care to more than 12 million people nationwide, including over 3.5 million rural residents



# HRSA's Regions



**Puerto Rico**

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# Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

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The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy provides policy support to the Office of Secretary and supports a number of rural health programs, including state offices of rural health, hospital programs, community-based grants, and telehealth grants and technical assistance.

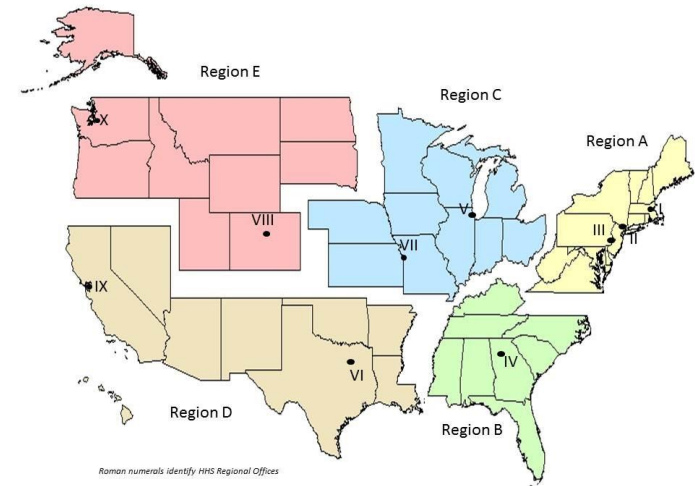


<https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/index.html>



# State Offices of Rural Health

- Share information, resources and innovative projects with other rural health stakeholders
- Coordinate with other state partners on rural health issues
- Link rural health stakeholders to Federal and state resources
- Rural recruitment and retention



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# Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

## Rural Hospital Programs

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- Technical assistance and support to address the unique needs of rural hospitals through programs such as:
  - Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program
  - Medicare Rural Hospital Flex Grant (Flex)
    - 96% of Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) reported at least one Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement measure and 65% of CAHs showed improvement in at least one quality measure





# Rural Community Programs

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- **Provide funding to increase access to care in rural communities and to address their unique health care challenges**
  - Rural Health Network Development Planning Program
  - Rural Health Network Development Program
  - Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement
  - Rural Health Opioid Program
  - Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program



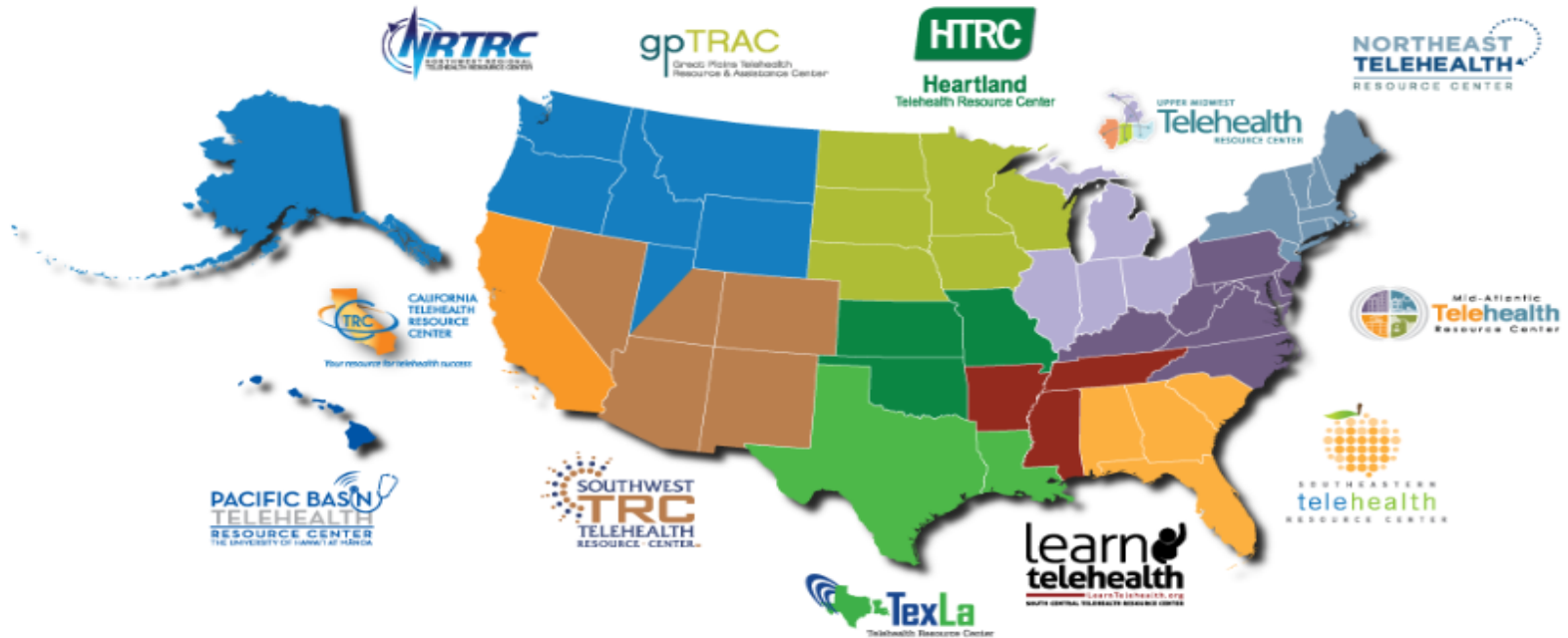
# Telehealth Programs

- **The Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT) promotes the use of telehealth technologies for health care delivery, education, and health information services.**
- **Provides funds to promote and improve telehealth services in rural areas, including:**
  - Telehealth Network Grant Program: Since 2005, supported 3,100 new or expanded telehealth sites; nearly a 10% increase from 2015 to 2016
  - Rural Child Poverty Telehealth Network Grant Program
  - Rural Veterans Health Access Program
  - Evidence-Based Tele-Emergency Network Grant Program
  - Licensure Portability Grant Program



# Telehealth Resource Centers (TRCs)

TelehealthResourceCenters.org






2 National Resource Centers

NRTRC	gpTRAC	NETRC
CTRC	HTRC	UMTRC
SWTRC	SCTRC	MATRC
PBTRC	TexLa	SETRC

12 Regional Resource Centers



# Rural Health Research Gateway

- Free online library with access to research from all eleven federally-funded Rural Health Research Centers
- Use the library to find:
  - rural health research products and journal articles
  - information about the research centers
  - information about individual researchers
  - current research center projects
  - much more!



<https://www.ruralhealthresearch.org>



# Rural Health Grants

- FYs 18 and 19 Rural Health Grants



# Rural Communities Opioid Response- Planning Funding Opportunity

Funding	Focus	Eligibility
<p>\$200,000 for one year</p> <p>Approximately 75 grants will be awarded</p> <p>Awardees are encouraged to leverage other federal, state, and local opioid use disorder funding and initiatives</p>	<p>Awardees will develop plans for implementing opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery interventions in their communities</p> <p>All high risk rural communities</p>	<p>All domestic public and private entities, non-profit and for-profit</p> <p>Lead applicant must be part of consortium of at least four entities</p> <p>All services must be provided in rural areas</p>

***More about this funding opportunity (applications due July 30)***

<https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/oppHRSA-18-116-cfda93.912-cidHRSA-18-116-instructions.pdf>

***Tip: Register early with grants.gov, DUNS, and SAM***

<https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/register/index.html>

***Learn how HRSA is addressing the opioid crisis***

<https://www.hrsa.gov/opioids>



# FY19 Rural Health Grants

\*These programs will be competitive in 2019

## ■ Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program

- The purpose of this grant program is to improve patient care and chronic disease outcomes by assisting rural primary care providers with the implementation of quality improvement (QI) initiatives.

## ■ Rural Health Network Development Planning Program

- The purpose of this one-year, annual grant program is to promote the planning and development of healthcare networks in order to:
  - achieve efficiencies;
  - expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and
  - strengthen the rural health care system as a whole.



# Resources and Tools Regarding Capital Needs





# Tools & Resources

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- **National Rural Health Resource Center**

[ARE YOU READY TO BEGIN A CAPITAL PROJECT?](#)

- **Rural Health Information Hub**

[Financing Capital Investments in Rural Health Care](#)

- **Rural Health Clinics and Critical Access  
Hospitals Capital Needs Assessment**



# Tools & Resources

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- **Delta Region Community Health Systems Development Program**

<https://www.ruralcenter.org/drchsd>

- **Vulnerable Hospitals Toolkit (2016)**

<https://nosorh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Vulnerable-Hospital-Toolkit-Excerpt.pdf>

- **Critical Access Hospital Replacement Process: Blueprint and Roadmap (2010)**

[https://www.ruralcenter.org/sites/default/files/cahreplacementprocess\\_0.doc](https://www.ruralcenter.org/sites/default/files/cahreplacementprocess_0.doc)



# More Tools & Resources



# Rural Health Information Hub (RHHub)

## Capital Funding

- Capital Funding for Rural Healthcare
  - major federal grant or loan programs that support capital projects for rural healthcare facilities
  - foundations that support capital projects for rural healthcare facilities
  - low-interest loans available to rural facilities
  - other funding available to finance capital projects
- Provides customized assistance
  - By phone: 1.800.270.1898
  - By email: [info@ruralhealthinfo.org](mailto:info@ruralhealthinfo.org)



<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/>

# RHIhub – RHCs Models and Innovations

- Featured model programs and successful rural projects that can serve as a source of ideas and provide lessons learned

[Rural Health](#) > [Community Health Gateway](#) > [Models and Innovations](#)

## MORE Care

### Summary

- **Need:** To improve rural residents' oral healthcare.
- **Intervention:** MORE Care creates interprofessional oral health networks to 1) better integrate oral health into primary healthcare and 2) coordinate oral health between primary and dental healthcare.
- **Results:** Operating in 3 states, MORE Care has led to increases in fluoride varnish administration, improvement in interprofessional communication, and patients' improved self-management of their daily oral health.



<https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/topics/rural-health-clinics/project-examples>



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**Capital Fund Receives \$40 Million NMTA Allocation Award**  
The CDFI Fund [announced](#) the awardees for the 2017 round of New Markets Tax Credit (NMTA) allocations. Our lending affiliate [Capital Fund](#) received a \$40 million allocation award. Learn more about NMTA [here](#).

#### Resources

We have posted some new resources!

[FQHC Financial and Operational Performance Analysis, 2012-2015](#)

[Capital Ink Fall 2017](#)

[Disaster Recovery Resources for Health Centers](#)



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