

Rural Hospital Planning & Transition Grant FY 2024 Frequently Asked Questions

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A Community Health Needs Assessment is identified as a priority in our current strategic plan, is this considered an eligible project for the Planning & Transition Program?

Yes- because it was identified as a priority in a strategic plan it is considered an implementation project and is allowed under this award.

Does the Community Health Board (CHB) need to complete review of our application prior to the application deadline?

Prior to the submission of your application to MDH, applicants need to download and submit a copy of their completed application to their CHB. There is time for the CHB to respond between the application deadline and prior to the review of applications.

Is the population based on city or county population?

City.

Could letters from community members be considered evidence of community support?

Yes.

Are quotes from contractors due at the time of application?

Yes- but if you are unable to get bids or receive multiple bids an estimation of costs is acceptable. Please include a demonstration of how the estimation was received.

Can we apply for this grant if our budget is less than the minimum award amount?

Yes.

What is expected of our community health board?

A key component of this grant program is the requirement of a 30-day period for the local CHB to review the proposal and submit comments to the Commissioner of Health. It is the responsibility of the applicant hospital to send a copy of the application to any relevant CHB.

Upon sending your proposal to the CHB, request that the CHB submit all comments to health.ruralhospitalgrants@state.mn.us no later than March 2, 2024.

We want to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment, but it is not in our finalized strategic plan, is this considered an eligible project for the Planning & Transition Program?

No- because it was not identified as a priority in a strategic plan it is not considered an implementation project and is not eligible as a project under this award.

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