

Rural Health Transformation Program Frequently Asked Questions

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Question 1. How can I receive more information?

Answer: The best way to receive information and stay up to date on Rural Health Transformation Program news is to [Subscribe to the listserv.](#)

Question 2. How can my organization apply for funds?

Answer: The best way to receive information and stay up-to-date on any future Rural Health Transformation Program funding opportunities is to [Subscribe to the listserv.](#)

Question 3. Can I read the application?

Answer: For a high-level summary, review the [Minnesota Rural Health Transformation Program Application Fact Sheet \(PDF\)](#). For detailed information, read the full [Minnesota Rural Health Transformation Program Project Narrative \(PDF\)](#).

Question 4. What are the proposed grant activities for Minnesota's Rural Health Transformation Program?

Answer: The Minnesota Rural Health Transformation Program proposed 5 initiatives (or categories) to CMS. These are 1. Community-based preventive care and chronic disease management; 2. Recruiting and retaining talent in rural communities; 3. Sustaining access to services to keep care closer to home; 4. Creating regional care models to improve whole-person health; 5. Investing in technology, infrastructure, and collaboration for financial viability. Under each initiative category, the application details allowable grant expenses, proposed programs and technical assistance.

Question 5. Are these activities final?

Answer: The application includes the initiatives and activities that Minnesota proposed to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS will make their final decision by December 31, 2025. It is possible that states will be asked to scale or modify their proposed plans. Information about changes to the application will be shared. [Subscribe to the listserv](#) to stay up to date on news.

Question 6. My organization type is defined as an eligible facility in the application. How do we receive our funds?

Answer: Information on funding opportunities will be shared with eligible applicants directly. Organizations may apply for funding through an allocation and/or through a competitive process, depending on eligibility. Funds will be disbursed to grantees quarterly on a reimbursement basis after they have submitted required progress reports, invoices, and supporting documentation of eligible expenses to MDH.

Question 7. My organization wants to do an activity listed in the application but would like to make tailored modifications that are different from how the activity is proposed. Is this allowed?

Answer: Organizations should refer to application instructions for each respective grant program to determine flexibility within the program guidance.

Question 8. Are administrative expenses allowed?

Answer: CMS has limited administrative expenses to 10% of a state's overall award. This cap includes administrative expenses for all subrecipients.

Question 9. Will small hospitals affiliated with a large health system receive funds directly or will funds go to the corporate entity?

Answer: Organizations will apply for funding at their discretion. If a corporate entity houses the organization's grants division, they may complete the grant application, but grant funds are only allowed to be used for eligible recipients and eligible expenses.

Question 10. When will MDH post competitive grant guidelines?

Answer: MDH will post competitive grant guidelines after the State receives the Notice of Award from CMS.

Question 11. How is money allocated to activities?

Answer: Funding was budgeted across activities based on the anticipated uptake or expense to carry out each activity.

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