

Rural Population Health Incubator Program FAQ

General

Q: How many grants are available?

A: There are a total of 10 grants

- Six grants are set aside for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), CAH-owned clinics or organizations partnering with a CAH or CAH-owned clinic
- One grant is set aside for an independent Rural Health Clinic
- Three grants are set aside for community-based organizations and other hospital or clinic types

Eligibility

Q: Who is eligible to apply for the Incubator?

A: Rural hospitals, clinics and community-based organizations are eligible to apply for the Incubator. Other entities are eligible if they are serving a rural area and have a partnership with a rural hospital, clinic or community-based organization. Partnerships must be demonstrated through a letter of support, which can be uploaded as supplemental material on the application. Rural is defined by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. Find out if your area is rural by using the [Am I Rural? Tool](#).

Q: Are private rural clinics eligible?

A: Yes, private rural clinics are eligible. Organizations can apply if they provide or plan to provide services to rural areas. The organization must be either a clinic, a Rural Health Clinic (RHC), a CAH or other rural hospital, or a community-based nonprofit.

Q: Can an urban organization apply for the Incubator if they are serving a rural area?

A: Yes, an urban organization can apply if they have a partnership with and experience in working with a rural hospital, clinic, or community-based organization. This partnership should be demonstrated by uploading a letter of support in the supplemental documents section of the application.

Q: Can organizations with more than one location apply multiple times?

A: Yes, you can apply multiple times for different projects.

Budget

Q: Can salaries be supported through the Incubator?

A: Up to 20% of grant funds can support salaries (with the exception of salaries for direct patient care, which cannot be supported by Incubator funds). If grant funds are supporting salaries, please include a strong sustainability plan for the position to continue after the grant period.

Grant Period

Q: Where will the monthly grantee cohort meetings be held?

A: These meetings will be held virtually.

Q: How long is the grant period?

A: The grant period runs from June 15, 2024 to June 14, 2025

Reporting

Q: What are the reporting requirements?

A: Grantees are required to submit a midpoint report, as well as a final report. Templates will be provided. These reports are not meant to be overly burdensome but to provide a succinct overview of the project's progress, successes and challenges, overall impact, and grant expenses.