

New Funding Available from FORHP

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New Funding Available: Rural Residency Planning and Development Program Apply by April 10, 2025

The Rural Residency Planning and Development (RRPD) Program **is open and accepting applications** for the program's 3-year period of performance (August 1, 2025 - July 31, 2028). HRSA will make up to 15 awards, each up to \$750,000, to improve and expand access to health care in rural areas by developing new sustainable rural residency programs, including [rural track programs \(RTPs\)](#).

Eligible applicants include all domestic public and private, nonprofit or for-profit, entities. Applicants must propose a new rural residency program in a qualifying medical specialty. Qualifying medical specialties are family medicine, internal medicine, preventive medicine, psychiatry, general surgery, and obstetrics and gynecology. For this notice of funding opportunity, rural residency programs:

- Are accredited physician residency programs.
- Train residents in clinical training sites that are physically located in a rural area as defined by [HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy \(FORHP\)](#) for greater than 50 percent of their total time in residency.
- Focus on producing physicians who will practice in rural communities.

Successful RRPD Program awardees will: 1) Develop a new rural residency program that is accredited by [Accreditation Council for Graduated Medical Education](#); 2) Finalize a sustainability plan, which includes ongoing funding streams to sustain long-term resident training after program establishment; and 3) Develop a plan to track and publicly report on resident career outcomes after graduation for at least 5 years after the first graduating class to assess retention in rural communities.

A technical assistance webinar via Zoom will be held for applicants on Wednesday, Jan 23 at 2:00 pm Eastern.

A list of previously funded grants under this program are [available at this link](#). Applicants may also benefit from the resources and tools available in the [RuralGME.org portal](#) (registration required).

For more information about this funding opportunity, contact the rural residency inbox at ruralresidency@hrsa.gov.

Helpful links

[Notice of Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov](#)

[Profiles of current and past RRDP Program grantees](#)

[Rural GME.org](#)