



All Tribes Webinar on Rural Health Transformation Program

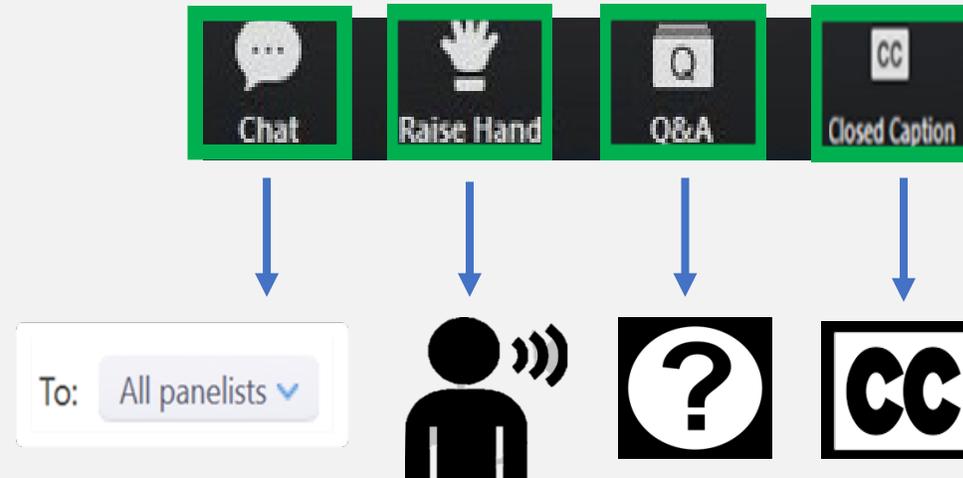
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RURAL HEALTH

TRANSFORMATION

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Presentation Agenda

1. Introduction to CMS Office of Rural Health Transformation
2. RHTP Overview
3. Q&A

Office of Rural Health Transformation

RHTP Overview

Opportunity for Impact

The Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program presents a unique opportunity to deliver dependable care to rural communities across the country and is strongly aligned with Making America Healthy Again

The funding awarded by Congress enables the RHT Program to put States on a path to ensuring every American has access to affordable, high-quality care through sustainable healthcare innovation

**~60 million
Americans
live in rural areas**

Program At A Glance

The RHT Program¹ helps State governments to move from a system that fails rural America to one that builds lasting success. Through innovative system-wide change, the RHT Program is a critical investment for future generations.

Strategic Goals

**Make Rural
America
Healthy Again**

**Sustainable
Access**

**Workforce
Development**

**Innovative
Care**

**Tech
Innovation**

Features

State Led

**Catalytic
Funding**

**Technical
Assistance**

**Transformative
Change**

**Sustainable
Impact**

Funding At A Glance

\$50 billion over 5 budget periods:

- \$25 billion distributed evenly amongst approved States
- \$25 billion allocated based on rural factors, application initiatives, State policies, and quality of application

Other Funding Highlights:

- Up to 50 awards
- One-time application opportunity
- For each budget period, recipients will have until the end of the following federal fiscal year to spend awarded funding

Eligibility Requirements

Who's eligible?

- **All 50 States** are encouraged to apply for a RHT Program award
 - The primary recipient of each award is a **single State**
 - The application must **come from the State government** and include a **letter of endorsement** signed by the **governor**

Who's not eligible?

- The District of Columbia and U.S. Territories are **not** eligible
- All other entities and individuals are **not** eligible to apply

Strategic Goals

Make Rural America Healthy Again

Support health innovations and new access points to promote preventive health and address root causes of diseases

Sustainable Access

Help rural providers become long-term access points for care by improving efficiency and sustainability

Workforce Development

Attract and retain a high-skilled health care workforce by strengthening recruitment and retention of healthcare providers in rural communities



Innovative Care

Spark the growth of innovative care models to improve health outcomes, coordinate care, and promote flexible care arrangements

Tech Innovation

Foster use of innovative technologies that promote efficient care delivery, data security, and access to digital health tools by rural facilities, providers, and patients

RHT Program Funding Scope

Use funding to pay for...

- ✓ Transformation of care delivery
- ✓ Improved access to, quality of, and cost of healthcare in rural America
- ✓ Expanded or enhanced services but not duplicate programs
- ✓ Technological & infrastructure investments and startup costs that will have sustainable impact beyond the end of the program

Do not use funding to pay for...

- × New construction
- × Clinical services that duplicate billable services and/or attempt to change payment amounts of existing fee schedules
- × Other specified limitations outlined in the NOFO

Funding Details

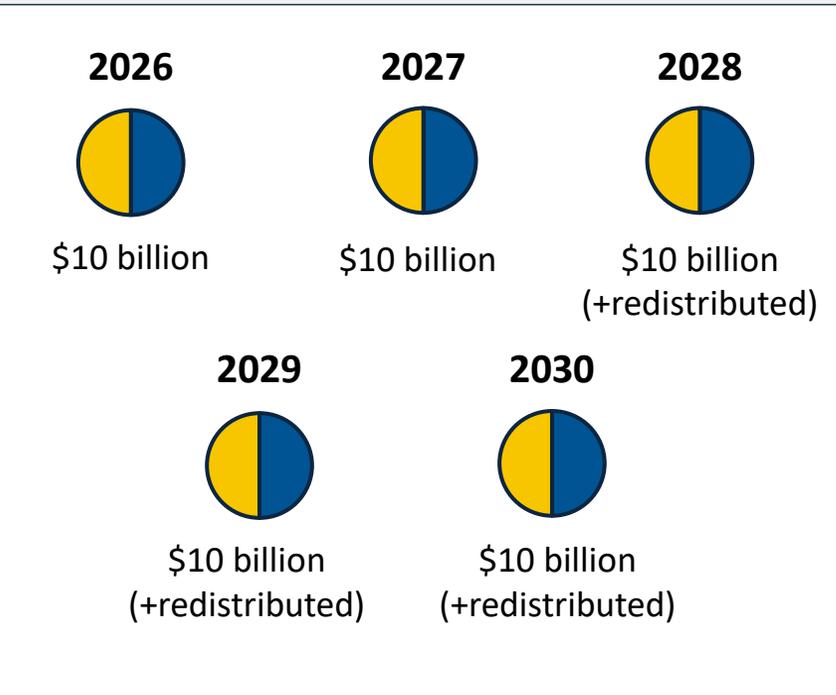
Reminder: Cooperative Agreement

- The type of award issued under this NOFO is a **Cooperative Agreement** (CoAg)
- A CoAg requires **substantial collaboration** between the federal awarding agency and the non-federal entity (e.g., State) in carrying out the activity contemplated by the federal award

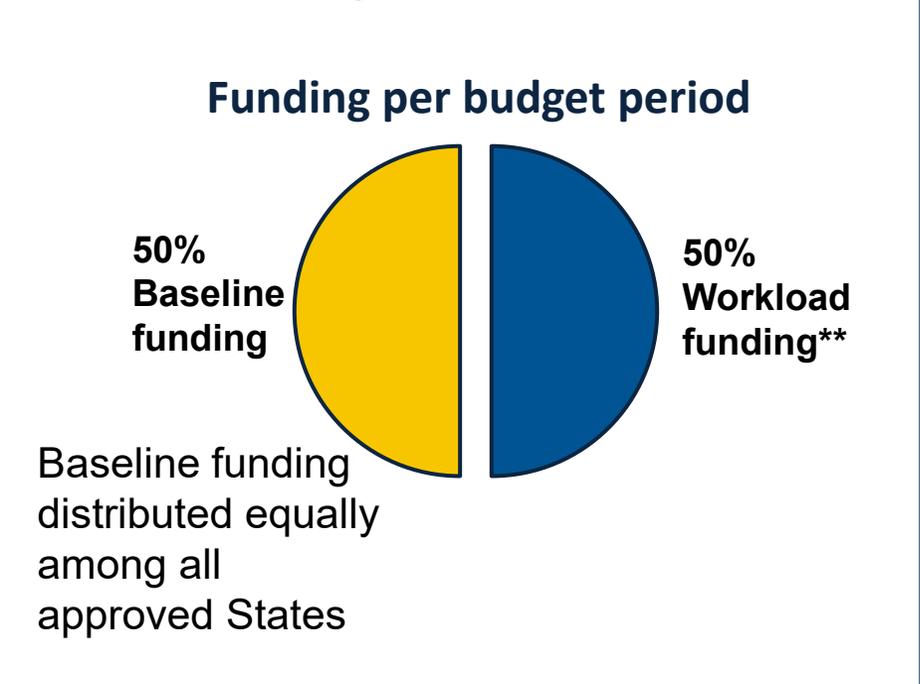


Distribution of Baseline Funding and Workload Funding

\$50 billion awarded over five years,* with \$10 billion awarded each budget period (plus any redistributed funds)



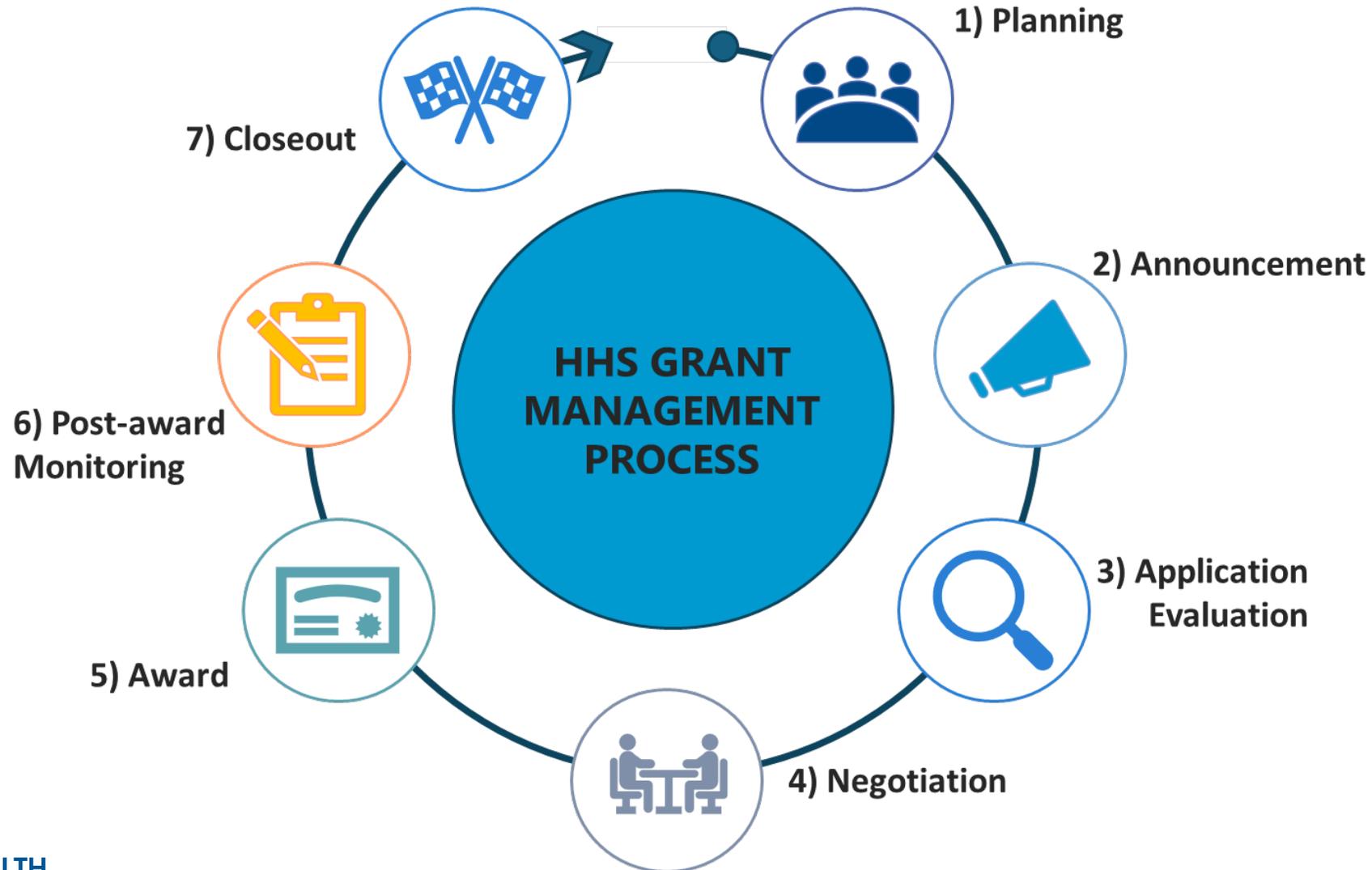
For each budget period, available funding is split equally between baseline and workload funding



* FY 2026 – FY 2030

**No less than a quarter of the States with an approved application are allotted workload funding for a given fiscal year

HHS Grant Management Process



RHTP Resources

RHTP Resources

NOFO and Program Websites

- [NOFO posting on Grants.gov](#)
- [Rural Health Transformation \(RHT\) Program | CMS.gov/RHTProgram](#)

RHT Program Mailbox

- MAHARural@cms.hhs.gov

Help with Systems

- Grants.gov
- SAM.gov

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Q&A



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