



Colorado

Title: Colorado Rural Health Transformation Program

Abstract: Colorado is dedicated to ensuring our rural residents have ready access to the same high quality, multimodal, affordable health care as their urban counterparts. The Colorado Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) is the lynchpin by which we can ensure that vision becomes reality. By strengthening private-public partnerships, increasing access, modernizing delivery, and focusing on chronic disease prevention we can advance the future of health care in our uniquely rural and frontier communities. Working closely with rural hospitals, rural clinics, and local community organizations, RHTP can help these communities take charge of their own health: preventing chronic disease, improving access to vital services, and supporting rural providers.

RHTP will support and strengthen Colorado's community-driven initiatives, keeping care local and administering the program at a low 2.98%. RHTP funding will:

- Provide rural hospitals and clinics with resources to help communities get and stay healthy to reduce chronic disease.
- Invest in telehealth, mobile health tools and monitoring, equipment and shared data systems to connect and improve outcomes for patients.
- Recruit and keep local providers including but not limited to physicians, nurses, paramedics, local education partnerships, and behavioral health professionals, through streamlined credentialing processes, cross-training, and assessing and supporting workforce needs.
- Bring together physical, behavioral, public health, schools, and local businesses to partner to improve outcomes and affordability for rural Coloradans.
- Strengthen access to care, ensuring that rural Coloradans have essential services including primary care, wellness, emergency, behavioral health, and maternity care services in rural communities.
- Transform innovative care models to meet rural community needs while providing sustainability, affordability and lasting infrastructure.

Expected Impact: With the investment of RHTP, 2031 looks bright in both Colorado's rural plains and mountain communities. Colorado's RHTP will leave a lasting legacy: a sustainable, efficient, and robust rural health system worthy of the people it serves.

This document includes the State's Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program Project Abstract submitted in its RHT Program Application. As outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), States were required to submit a one-page summary of their proposed project including its purpose and anticipated outcomes for the purposes of public information sharing. Budget amounts/requested funds highlighted in the State's Abstract are purely illustrative and hypothetical and do not reflect the State's final award amount or approved use of funds.