Weekly Update

September 20th, 2021

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VRHA News

2021 Rural Health Voice Conference
Plenary Speaker Spotlight
Michael Meit
Director of Research & Programs, ETSU Center for Rural Health Research

“Health Equity, Poverty, and Rural Resilience”
November 4th, 2021 10:00 am

For agenda and more information on our 2021 speakers & discussions, visit the conference webpage

Click Here to Register for the 2021 Rural Health Voice Conference

Rural Health Voice Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

VRHA is now seeking sponsors for the 2021 Virtual Rural Health Voice Conference. This conference brings a wide variety of rural health stakeholders together to hold in-depth conversations about sustainability of rural Virginia through policy, access, economics, education and more.

To learn more about promotional opportunities and submit an application, click here

National News

Rural Healthy People 2030 Research Survey

The Southwest Rural Health Research Center at Texas A&M University with funding support from the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy is conducting a survey as part of Rural Healthy People 2030 – a project designed to understand the most important health priorities for rural Americans. For this survey, we are asking rural health stakeholders – individuals who work in roles aimed at improving the lives and health of rural Americans – to participate by completing the survey. We would love to ensure that the voices of those working in telehealth are heard. Please let us know if you would be willing to disseminate the survey to your rural constituents to complete. The study should take about 20 minutes.
If you have any questions about this study, please feel free to reach out to Timothy Callaghan at callaghan@tamu.edu.

Update of COVID-19 Therapeutics from HHS/ASPR

The Department of US Health and Human Services provided an update around policies related to allocation, distribution, and administration efforts surrounding the current monoclonal antibody therapeutics available to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

HHS made a change to their distribution process to coordinate through a state/territory-coordinated system. The intent of this change is to maintain equitable distribution, both geographically and temporally providing states and territories with consistent, fairly distributed supply over the coming weeks and while the USG works to procure additional supply. Key to this change is that administration site (i.e. providers) will not be able to order mAbs directly from the distributor and must work with their state/territory to access the supply.

Weekly distribution amounts will be determined based on weekly reports of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in addition to data on inventories. Weekly distribution determinations posted on phe.gov/mabs.

Calendar

**ImmunizeVA First Annual Meeting**
**September 24, 2021  9:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Presentations will provide national and state perspectives on lessons learned from the pandemic and how these lessons will shape the future.

**Grant Management Training**
**September 27-28, 2021  9:30 am - 4:30 pm**

Learn how to administer government grants and stay in compliance with applicable rules and regulations. Beginning and experienced grant administrators, program managers and grant writers from all disciplines are encouraged to attend. Tuition is $595 and includes Grant Writing USA's 500-page grant management workbook and reference guide.

**Expanding the Rural Public Health Workforce: An Advance Briefing on New Program Funding**
**September 29, 2021  3:00 pm EST**

Tom Morris, Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy at HRSA, will discuss upcoming funding opportunities that will support rural health networks to focus on training and placing workers in a number of high-need public health workforce tracks to serve rural communities.

**CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) Meeting**
**September 29 - 30, 2021**
Virtual

The agenda will include discussions on cholera vaccine, hepatitis vaccines, herpes zoster vaccines, orthopoxvirus vaccine, pneumococcal vaccine, and tickborne encephalitis vaccine.

**HHS: Meeting of the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force**
**September 30, 2021  2:00 pm - 6:00 pm**
**Virtual**

Presentation & voting on the final recommendations for mitigating inequities caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and for preventing such inequities in the future. The confirmed time and agenda will be published on the [COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/health-equity/task-force/index.html).

**2021 6th Annual National Summit on the Social Determinants of Health**
**October 4-6, 2021**
**Virtual**

Representatives from health systems, hospital associations, foundations, businesses, national and community nonprofits, health insurers, academic institutions and policy centers convene to share best practices for addressing systemic racism and the social determinants of health.

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**Resources**

**Identifying Strategies to Boost COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance in the United States**

Report examining COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy and acceptance, offering recommendations to boost confidence in vaccines, responding to complacency about the pandemic, and making vaccination convenient. Discusses factors impacting rural vaccination, including geographic challenges and the role of community leaders in addressing vaccine hesitancy. Discusses results from an environmental scan, focus groups, a social media analysis, and an expert roundtable.

**Telehealth Guide for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)**

Provides practical guidance on implementing and sustaining telehealth to optimize health care delivery, expand access, and enhance care coordination. This guide seeks to take a CAH-centered approach to telehealth that keeps the patient and community at the forefront. The target audience is any individual, team, or organization seeking to implement or expand telehealth services in the CAH setting. Primarily focuses on Medicare outpatient telehealth services but includes Medicaid coverage and remote services that may not strictly be considered telehealth.

**Disaster Resiliency and Recovery Resources: A Guide for Rural Communities**

Provides an overview of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) programs and services for rural residents, businesses, and communities impacted by
disasters, as well as programs that support long-term planning and recovery efforts. Includes information on technical assistance providers to help rural planning and recovery efforts. Highlights examples of how three rural communities used USDA RD programs to aid their recovery.

**Ready to Respond: Mental Health Beyond Crisis and COVID-19**

Report highlights strategies for addressing the need for mental health services in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Details seven recommendations for state mental health programs post-pandemic and discusses workforce challenges and how telehealth can be used to expand access to care to rural and underserved areas.

**Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI) 2021 Resource Guide**

Presents three behavioral health-related resource guides. Highlights information pertaining to the development and implementation of bed registries, diversion from jail, and mental health services within jails. Guides feature resource papers, presentations, websites, toolkits, and pamphlets. Provides a section of resources for rural communities.

**Rural Telehealth and Healthcare System Readiness Measurement Framework**

Presents a performance measurement framework to guide quality and performance improvement for healthcare services delivered via telehealth in rural areas in response to disasters. Covers five domains — access to care and technology; costs, business models, and logistics; experience; effectiveness; and equity — rural-specific measurement issues, and potential solutions. Includes recommendations for rural telehealth measurement for time-sensitive emergencies, public health emergencies, and disasters.

**Path Out of the Pandemic: President Biden’s COVID-19 Action Plan**

A comprehensive federal action plan to address COVID-19. Covers vaccination, testing, prevention, and care for those with COVID-19. Also addresses schools and the economy.

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**Funding Opportunities**

**Emerging Issues in Childhood Agricultural Health Grants** *NEW*

Grants to test, implement, or recommend strategies that are likely to identify causes, effects, and prevention interventions in response to emerging health and safety concerns of children working on, living in, or visiting agricultural environments. The 2021 funding cycle will focus on documenting, intervening, and otherwise exploring COVID-19 related impacts upon children in and around agricultural settings.

**Letter of Intent Due (Required): October 1, 2021**
**Application Deadline: November 1, 2021**

**Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellows** *NEW*

A fellowship program designed to develop the capacity of mid-career health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and healthcare policy.
Individuals with diverse and unique perspectives are strongly encouraged to apply, and the foundation has an interest in rural.

**Letter of Intent Due (Required): November 12, 2021**  
**Application Deadline: February 11, 2022**

**AmeriCorps State and National Grants** *NEW*

Funding for programs that are designed to strengthen communities and solve local problems, including those found in rural and underserved areas. Funding priorities include COVID-19 response and recovery, education, environmental health, and rural intermediary organizations.

**Application Deadline: January 5, 2022**

**Social and Behavioral Intervention Research to Address Modifiable Risk Factors for Cancer in Rural Populations (R01 Clinical Trial Required)** *NEW*

Funding to develop, adapt, and test interventions to address risk factors for cancer in rural populations. Applications should focus on primary prevention and assess and address one or more of the social and behavioral risk factors that contribute to cancer disparities in rural populations: tobacco use; diet, physical activity and weight; alcohol use; UV exposure; and HPV vaccination.

**Application Deadline: January 18, 2022**

**American Rescue Plan Provider Relief Fund New Distributions** *NEW*

Relief funds for hospitals and other healthcare providers to support expenses and lost revenue due to COVID-19. The application portal will open on September 29, 2021. $17 billion is available for a broad range of providers who can document revenue loss and expenses associated with the pandemic. An additional $8.5 billion in relief funds is available for providers who serve rural patients.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

**National Center for Farmworker Health Learning Collaboratives** *NEW*

Virtual learning collaboratives that allow health centers to study and apply quality improvement methodology to a focused topic, such as increasing access to care, emergency preparedness, and social determinants of health.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

**VA Office of Rural Health Funding Programs** *NEW*

Funding, technical assistance, and mentoring for rural VA facilities to implement promising practices and/or enterprise-wide initiatives.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

**NLM Information Resource Grants to Reduce Health Disparities (Go8 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

Funding for projects that use computers, information technology, and health sciences libraries to bring health-related information to consumers and their healthcare providers.
The program focus is on innovation and outreach in which information access can reduce health disparities and support underserved communities that bear a disproportionate burden of disease.

**Application Deadline: October 22, 2021**

**National Rural Health Leadership Virtual Residency Program**

A one-year, fee-based virtual leadership training program designed to enhance the skills and ensure the success of new rural health leaders.

**Application Deadline: October 31, 2021**

**Service Area Competition Funding for Health Center Program (Areas Served with a Project Period Start Date of June 1, 2022)**

Funding to provide comprehensive primary healthcare services to an underserved area or population. Areas with a June 1, 2022 project period start date are eligible to apply.

**Application Deadline: November 1, 2021**

**Wrigley Company Foundation Healthier Smiles Grant Program**

Provides funding to dental hygienists for projects aimed at improving oral health, increasing access to care in underserved communities, and providing oral health education with strong preventive components.

**Application Deadline: November 1, 2021**

**Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Grants and Guaranteed Loans**

Financing and grant funding for agriculture producers and rural small businesses to purchase, install, and construct renewable energy systems or complete energy efficiency improvements. An example of a potential project may be the installation of solar panels for hospitals or clinics to improve energy costs.

**Application Deadline: November 1, 2021**

**America's Farmers Grow Communities Project**

Farmers enroll for a chance to direct $5,000 to local nonprofit organizations that are important to them and their communities.

**Application Deadline: November 1, 2021**

**AmeriCorps VISTA Sponsoring Agency Request for Concept Papers**

A national service program that provides resources and staffing for organizations and agencies working to alleviate poverty and address poverty-related problems in local communities.

**Application Deadline: November 3, 2021**

**National Health Service Corps Students to Service Loan Repayment Program**
Loan repayment assistance for medical, nursing, physician assistant, and dental students who agree to provide services in eligible Health Professional Shortage Areas of greatest need.

**Application Deadline: November 4, 2021**

**New Models of Integrated HIV/AIDS, Addiction, and Primary Care Services (R01 and R34 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants for research projects that develop or test innovative models of care which integrate HIV, substance use disorder (SUD) prevention and treatment with primary care services. Research in states and counties identified in the federal Ending the HIV Epidemic Initiative, including areas with the highest rural HIV burden, are specifically encouraged.

**Application Deadline: November 18, 2021**

**NIH Extramural Loan Repayment Program**

Loan repayment assistance for researchers that are not employed by the NIH. Loan repayment awards are based on an applicant’s potential to build and sustain a research career, not to support specific research.

**Application Deadline: November 18, 2021**

**Bloomberg Fellows**

A fellowship for individuals who want to achieve a Master's or PhD degree in Public Health, as well as on-the-ground training and experience. The program is looking for leaders working in the areas of addiction and overdose, environmental challenges, obesity and the food system, risks to adolescent health, and violence.

**Application Deadline: December 1, 2021**

**Primary Care Training and Enhancement: Physician Assistant Rural Training Program**

Grants to increase the number of primary care physician assistants in rural and underserved settings by implementing longitudinal clinical rotations in primary care and supporting the training and development of preceptors in rural areas.

**Application Deadline: December 9, 2021**

**Rural Veterans Health Access Program**

Grants for current Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program award recipients in states with certified Critical Access Hospitals to work with providers and other partners to improve access to needed healthcare services and to improve the coordination of care for veterans living in rural areas.

**Application Deadline: December 10, 2021**

**NBCC Foundation Minority Fellowship Program for Addictions Counselors**

Fellowships for master's degree-level addictions counseling students from minority backgrounds. For the purpose of this program, minorities include racial, ethnic, cultural,
religious, gender, sexual orientation, **rural**, and military groups.

**Application Deadline: December 15, 2021**

**NBCC Minority Fellowship Program for Mental Health Counselors**

Fellowships for master's and doctoral degree-level mental health counseling students from minority backgrounds. For the purpose of this program, minorities include racial, ethnic, cultural, religious, gender, sexual orientation, **rural**, and military groups.

**Application Deadline: December 15, 2021**

**The Home Depot Foundation: Community Impact Grants Program**

The Home Depot Foundation's Community Impact Grants Program provides support to nonprofit organizations and public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve their communities. The Program focuses on support for organizations that serve veterans in local communities, as well as organizations that serve vulnerable and underserved communities. Grants of up to $5,000 are made in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services.

**Application Deadline: December 31, 2021**

**Clinical and Translational Science Award (UM1 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Funding for Clinical and Translational Program Hubs that are expected to develop, demonstrate, and then disseminate solutions to barriers that limit the efficiency and effectiveness of clinical and translational science research. A major interest of the program is improving rural health outcomes and eliminating health disparities.

**Application Deadline: January 26, 2022**

**REAP Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assistance Program**

Grants for intermediary organizations to assist **rural small businesses (including healthcare facilities)** and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits and providing renewable energy development assistance.

**Application Deadline: January 31, 2022**

**Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01, R03, and R21)**

Funding for research that seeks to identify, develop, test, evaluate, and/or refine strategies to disseminate and implement evidence-based practices into public health, clinical practice, and community settings. This program is featured in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences Selected List of Funding Opportunities Relevant to Rural Cancer Control.

**Application Deadline: May 7, 2022**

**AHRQ Small Research Grant Program (R03)**

Supports different types of health services research projects, including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects;
development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. **Rural and frontier areas** are considered a priority population.

**Application Deadline: July 6, 2022**

**Virginia Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program**

Offers a J-1 Visa waiver to foreign physicians who commit to serving for 3 years in an underserved area of Virginia, allowing them to remain in the United States.

**Application Deadline: August 31, 2022**

**Intervening with Cancer Caregivers to Improve Patient Health Outcomes and Optimize Health Care Utilization (R01 and R21)**

Funding for intervention research designed to support caregivers of adult cancer patients, with the goals of optimized patient healthcare utilization, improved caregiver well-being, and improved patient physical health and psychosocial outcomes. Special consideration is given to studies targeting medically underserved and underrepresented populations, including **patients-caregivers in rural areas**.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2022**

**Palliative Care in Home and Community Settings Research (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants to support research aimed at determining needs and best practices for the integration of palliative care into home and community settings. Applications should consider approaches that may be implemented in **rural/remote areas**, as well as urban areas, and that are sensitive to ethnicities and cultures.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2022**

**AHRQ Health Services Research Demonstration and Dissemination Grants (R18)**

Supports the dissemination and implementation of research projects related to AHRQ's mission to produce evidence to make healthcare safer, higher quality, more accessible, equitable, and affordable. AHRQ's priorities include an interest in **rural and frontier healthcare delivery**.

**Application Deadline: September 30, 2022**

**Long-Term Effects of Disasters on Health Care Systems Serving Health Disparity Populations (R01- Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants for research focused on understanding the long-term effects of natural and/or human-made disasters on healthcare systems serving health disparity populations. Health disparity populations include, but are not limited to, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and underserved **rural** populations.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2023**

**Tobacco Control Policies to Promote Health Equity (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Optional)**
Funding for observational or intervention research focused on reducing disparities in tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure. Populations of focus include older individuals, black Americans, Hispanics, people with low socioeconomic status, and people living outside metropolitan areas.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2023**

**Co-infection and Cancer (R01 and R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

Grants for research on the roles of co-infection and cancer to inform prevention and treatment strategies for infection-related cancers. Applicants are encouraged to investigate co-infection and its relation to causes of risk among racially/ethnically diverse populations and those from urban and rural areas who are poor and medically underserved, and populations who may have a disproportionate burden of infection-related cancers.

**Application Deadline: January 7, 2023**

**Comprehensive Care for Adults with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus from Populations with Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Funding for research focused on developing and testing strategies that adapt/implement recommended guidelines of comprehensive clinical care for individuals with Type 2 diabetes from health disparity populations.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Telehealth Strategies for Individuals with HIV and Substance Use Disorders**

Notice of Special Interest for research to explore and develop telehealth methods and strategies for diagnosis, prevention, treatment, and population analysis in individuals living with HIV and substance use disorder.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Effectiveness of Implementing Sustainable Evidence-Based Mental Health Practices in Low-Resource Settings to Achieve Mental Health Equity for Traditionally Underserved Populations (R01)**

Grants for research to develop and test the effectiveness of strategies for implementation and sustainable delivery of evidence-based mental health treatments and services to improve mental health outcomes for underserved populations in under-resourced settings. Under-resourced settings and populations include members of minority groups, other individuals experiencing disparities in mental health outcomes, and people living in a geographic area with a shortage of healthcare services.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Innovative Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials**

Funding for innovative research that will inform and support the delivery of high-quality, continuously improving mental health services to benefit individuals with, or at risk for developing, a mental illness. Research on innovative service delivery models that seek to reduce disparities in service access, quality, and outcomes for racial and ethnic minority
groups, individuals limited by language or cultural barriers, sexual and gender minorities, individuals living in rural areas, socioeconomically disadvantaged persons, and other underserved groups is encouraged.

**Application Deadline: September 7, 2024**

**Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19 in Underserved and Vulnerable Populations**

Notice of Special Interest for research in understanding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic to help prepare more effectively for future public health emergencies. Populations that experience health disparities are a particular focus.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2024**

**The Role of Work in Health Disparities in the U.S. (R01 Clinical Trials Optional)**

Grants for innovative population-based research in how work or occupation influences health outcomes and health status among health care disparity populations and how work functions as a social determinant of health.

**HRSA Look-Alike Initial Designation Technical Assistance**

Resources to assist organizations in the application for Look-Alike Initial Designation under the Health Center Program.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**Southeast Rural Community Assistance Loan Fund Program**

Community development loans to local governments, public service authorities, user associations, nonprofit organizations, and other community entities for the development and/or construction of large-scale community projects.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**Quality Payment Program Support for Small, Underserved, and Rural Practices**

Customized technical assistance for clinicians in small practices, including those in rural locations, Health Professional Shortage Areas, and Medically Underserved Areas to help them participate and succeed in the Quality Payment Program.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**The Oak Hill Fund: Women's Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice**

The Oak Hill Fund was established to promote the well-being of mankind through effective and inspiring grantmaking. The Fund’s Women's Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice program area invests in nonprofit organizations in the southeastern United States (including Virginia) that support the reproductive health and rights of women. The Fund supports efforts to provide, promote, or defend access to safe, affordable reproductive healthcare and services, and to educate policymakers and the public on the
importance of reproductive health, rights, and justice to women and families. Letters of inquiry may be submitted throughout the year.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**Dispensary of Hope Dispensing Site Network**

A national collaborative lead by a nonprofit medication distributor that sources donated medications to assist nonprofit health systems, hospitals, clinics, and pharmacies in serving their patient population, especially individuals experiencing poverty and those that are uninsured.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program**

Direct USDA loans and/or grants to purchase, construct, enlarge, or improve essential community facilities for healthcare, public safety, education, and public services in rural areas.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant**

The Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program provides $10,000 in funding for resident-driven groups in small cities and towns to start the Community Heart & Soul model. Grant funding requires a $10,000 cash match from the participating municipality or a partnering organization.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.**

**Public Health Student Intern Program**

A one-semester internship experience within one of HRSA's bureaus or offices for students enrolled in a public health program.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.**

**Zero Suicide Academy**

A 2-day training for senior leaders of healthcare and behavioral healthcare organizations that seek to dramatically reduce suicides among patients in their care.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**Direct Relief Partnership Network**

A partnership program for healthcare facilities that extends medication access to patients who are unable to afford prescriptions, reduces procurement costs of medications and supplies, and leverages resources to foster healthier communities. Partner facilities order online from Direct Relief's pharmaceutical inventory.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**DATA 2000 Waiver Training Payment Program**
One-time direct payment of $3,000 to Federally Qualified Health Centers and **Rural Health Clinics** for each eligible provider who possesses a DATA 2000 waiver to prescribe buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid use disorder.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Training and Mentoring/DATA 2000 Waiver**

Training to provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for clinicians in high-need communities. Clinicians who complete the training may be priority applicants for some NHSC loan repayment programs, and qualified disciplines can become eligible for the Loan Repayment Program Continuation Contract MAT Award Enhancement.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**3RNET Recruitment and Retention Assistance**

Helps health professionals find jobs in rural and underserved areas and assists employers in recruiting and retaining **health professionals in rural and underserved areas**.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**CareQuest Executive Director's Fund**

Supports convenings, events, and activities that promote oral health with a focus on reducing oral health disparities and advancing health equity.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**SEARCH - Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households**

Funding for financially distressed **rural communities of less than 2,500 people** to assist with feasibility studies, design assistance, and technical assistance on water and waste disposal projects.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**American Electric Power Foundation Grants**

Supports nonprofits working in the areas of hunger, housing, health and safety, human services, education, and the environment in American Electric Power's eleven state service area.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) J-1 Visa Waiver Program**

Offers a J-1 Visa waiver to **foreign physicians who commit to serving for 3 years in rural Appalachian areas**, allowing them to remain in the United States.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**Appalachian Community Fund Technical Assistance Grants**
Funding for technical assistance needs for community-based organizations that address underlying causes of economic and social distress in the Appalachian region.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Scholarship

Scholarships for nurse practitioners working in safety-net settings to pursue a post-master's certificate as a psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Southeast Rural Community Assistance Loan Fund Program

Community development loans to local governments, public service authorities, user associations, nonprofit organizations, and other community entities for the development and/or construction of large-scale community projects.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Virginia AHEC Scholars Program

A multidisciplinary certificate program for health professions students in Virginia that offers opportunities for hands-on training, experience in rural and underserved communities, and networking with other students and professionals.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Virginia EMS Scholarship

Scholarships to support qualified applicants seeking to earn an initial or advanced EMS credential within Virginia.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health

Grants for research that expands the evidence needed to build a Culture of Health. A Culture of Health is broadly defined as one in which good health and well-being flourish across geographic, demographic, and social sectors; public and private decision making is guided by the goal of fostering equitable communities; and everyone has the opportunity to make choices that lead to healthy lifestyles.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Virtual Living Room - Using Technology to Address the Critical Healthcare Needs of Veterans in Rural Areas

A grant program that combines rural technology, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs resources, and local support to provide solutions to improve healthcare access for veterans in rural areas.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Pioneering Ideas Brief Proposals
Grants for innovative projects that are working to build a culture of health, ensuring that everyone has access to the care they need and all families have the opportunity to make healthier choices.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**Angel Flight East COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment and Vaccine Transport**

A volunteer pilot network that transports personal protective equipment and COVID-19 vaccines for distribution to areas in need.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**HUD Section 242: Hospital Mortgage Insurance Program**

Loan and mortgage insurance program to help acute care hospital facilities with remodeling, expansion, modernization, equipment, refinancing, and acquisition. Small, **rural Critical Access Hospitals** are eligible to apply.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**COVID Tech Connect Smart Device Donation Program**

A smart device donation program for hospitals, care facilities, and hospice centers to allow critically ill COVID-19 patients to connect with their loved ones. Priority is given to those in greatest need, including facilities in **rural areas**.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

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