October 11th, 2021

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VRHA News

2021 Rural Health Voice Conference
Plenary Speaker Spotlight
Rebecca Gwilt
Co-founder, Nixon Gwilt Law
"Changes in Telehealth Regulations"
November 10th, 2021  10:00 am

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

Register for the Conference Here!

Rural Health Voice Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

VRHA is still 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

Members in the News

Project PEACE aims to support employment of youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities

A project led by Virginia Commonwealth University School of Education researchers has been awarded a $1.25 million grant to improve employment opportunities and outcomes for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Richmond and Colonial Heights. VRHA member VCU Center for Family Involvement will work with The Arc of Virginia to help prepare parents to support their children as they pursue employment and higher education.

National News

Advocacy Alert
Urge Congress to Include Rural Health in the Build Back Better Reconciliation Package

Congress has begun negotiating the details of the $3.5 trillion Build Back Better (BBB) reconciliation package. NRHA is advocating Congress to include funding and support for rural health care providers and patients within the legislation. We believe support for the rural health workforce and rural health safety net providers should be an integral part of this bill, which aims to improve what President Biden has dubbed “human infrastructure.”

Calendar

4th Annual Health Literacy in Action Conference
October 14-15, 2021

The HLiA conference, co-sponsored by the Institute for Healthcare Advancement and the Horowitz Center for Health Literacy, showcases practice and policy ideas to advance health literacy and health equity. Continuing Education Credits available.

NARHC 2021 Fall Institute
October 18-20, 2021

NARHC Institutes are put on by the only national association dedicated strictly to Rural Health Clinics (RHCs). A wide range of rural health professionals will be in attendance including CEOs, CFOs, Physicians, PAs, NPs, Clinic Managers, Billers & Coders. Continuing education credits available.

2021 Rural Women Everywhere
October 19-20, 2021

Two-day event celebrating the voices, contributions, & leadership of women across the countryside. Examine the ways rural & Native women are participating in the work of building more welcoming and inclusive communities. Programming will feature keynotes, roundtable conversations, and breakout sessions spotlighting women’s experiences and reflections.

NARMH Virtual Conference 2021
October 13, 20, 27, 2021

The 2021 National Association for Rural Mental Health (NARMH) Conference - "Emerging from COVID-19 – Lessons Learned and Future Directions for Rural Mental Health" will feature online sessions every Wednesday in October.

2021 Rural Resilience Summit
October 28, 2021  9:00 am - 4:30 pm

The Rural Resilience Summit brings together leaders, practitioners, educators, & community members to provide strategies that can be employed in your community. In partnership with the Virginia State Office of Rural Health, this summit will provide subject matter expert-led sessions in school readiness, mental health, workforce readiness.
3rd Annual Rural Health Clinical Congress
November 20, 2021

Free multi-topic CME/CE event held in conjunction with National Rural Health Day. Led by a rural health expert moderator. Designed specifically for primary care clinicians serving patients from rural & underserved areas.

Resources

**Applying for Phase 4 of the PRF & the ARP Rural Distribution**

Provides an overview of Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Phase 4 general distribution and American Rescue Plan (ARP) rural distribution, as well as the application process for these opportunities. Part of the Rural Health Clinic Technical Assistance Series.

**Financial Guide for the Rural Health Care Leaders During COVID and Post-COVID**

Highlights strategies for addressing the financial challenges RHCs and CAHs may face during and after a public health emergency such as COVID-19. Discusses how rural providers can improve financial performance in the face of lower inpatient and outpatient volumes, fewer elective surgeries, and the added cost of PPE, ventilators, and staff, among others. Details indicators of financial stress and recommends corresponding strategies.

**Critical Access Hospital Telehealth Guide**

Provides practical guidance on implementing and sustaining telehealth in Critical Access Hospitals, to optimize healthcare delivery, expand access, and enhance care coordination. Focuses on Medicare outpatient telehealth services and includes information on Medicaid coverage and remote services that may not strictly be considered telehealth.

**Rural Carve-out Funding**

Policy brief discussing rural health funding inequities and the potential to target federal funding to rural and underserved communities to improve community-level health behaviors, workforce, technology, and financial resources. Offers policy recommendations to improve the equitable distribution of federal funding and promote best practices.

**Sustainable Rural EMS: Navigating Change**

Designed to help rural communities navigate a change from unsustainable volunteer emergency medical services (EMS) and ambulance service models to those that are sustainable. Intended to direct community leaders through change based on a stepped process that has been used in rural communities throughout the U.S. Includes information on how to assess whether a community has an EMS problem, ingredients needed to change, and a process to implement change to a more sustainable model of rural EMS.

Funding Opportunities
**Combating Opioid Overdose Through Community-Level Intervention** *NEW*

Grants for evidence-based or promising community-level approaches that aim to reduce opioid-involved overdose, overdose involving stimulants, or poly-drug overdose in regions of the United States with the highest rates of fatal and non-fatal overdoses.

**Application Deadline: November 1, 2021**

**Academy of General Dentistry Foundation Grant Program** *NEW*

Grant support for nonprofit community-based outreach programs that provide free oral cancer screenings and education to the public, especially underserved communities, that lack access to oral healthcare due to geographic and/or economic hardship.

**Application Deadline: November 1, 2021**

**Advancing Disaster Education Initiatives in Rural America** *NEW*

Grants for the development of innovative educational resources and Extension initiatives to address the preparation for, response to, and recovery from hazards and disasters in rural communities.

**Application Deadline: November 12, 2021**

**Health Services Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)** *NEW*

Grants to encourage innovative exploratory and developmental health services research to improve minority health and/or reduce health disparities at the healthcare system-level, as well as within clinical settings.

**Application Deadline: November 17, 2021**

**America's Healthy Food Financing Initiative: Targeted Small Grants Program** *NEW*

Grants ranging from $20,000 to $200,000 and technical assistance to eligible healthy food retail projects that seek to improve access to healthy food in underserved areas. Projects must 1) plan to expand or preserve the availability of staple & perishable foods in underserved areas with low & moderate-income populations, and 2) if the project involves retail sales, accept or plan to accept benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP). Eligible applicants include nonprofits, for-profit business enterprises, cooperatively-owned businesses, institutions of higher education, and state & local governmental agencies.

**Letter of Interest Due: December 7, 2021**

**Healthy Behaviors Grants for Partnerships, Planning, or Implementation** *NEW*

Grants to support capacity building, planning, and implementation activities for projects that improve health and well-being in communities in the Western Tidewater region of
Virginia and North Carolina. Focuses on populations experiencing the greatest health disparities based on income, race/ethnicity, and geographic location.

**Application Deadline: December 7, 2021**

**Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part C Early Intervention Services Program: New Geographic Service Areas** *NEW*

Funding to provide, on an ongoing outpatient basis, high quality early intervention services and comprehensive primary care services for individuals with HIV infection in new geographic service areas.

**Application Deadline: December 10, 2021**

**Circle for Justice Innovations: Strategic Opportunities Support Fund** *NEW*

Rapid response funding mechanism that issues micro-grants of up to $5K to organizations addressing crises with strategic organizing & advocacy to meet emergency needs in their community. Enables organizations to take advantage of unexpected opportunities for organizing & advocacy that may be prohibitive due to a small funding gap. Must have budgets under $750K and be led by & serve formerly incarcerated people & families of those impacted by excessive policing, the criminal legal system, and/or the immigration system.

**Application Deadline: December 17, 2021**

**Family-to-Family Health Information Centers** *NEW*

Funding for new and existing Family-to-Family Health Information Centers that provide information, education, technical assistance, and peer support to families of children and youth with special healthcare needs and the professionals who serve them. A focus of the program is to to advance health equity by reaching territories, tribal regions, and other diverse, underserved communities, including rural areas.

**Application Deadline: January 5, 2022**

**Truth Initiative Tobacco/Vape-Free College Program** *NEW*

Grants and technical assistance for minority-serving institutions and community colleges to support the adoption and implementation of a 100% tobacco/vape-free college-wide policy by December, 2023. Colleges that were early adopters of 100% smoke or tobacco-free policies may also apply to include e-cigarettes.

**Application Deadline: January 20, 2022**

**Virginia Health Access Grants** *NEW*

Funding for projects to increase access to healthcare for uninsured Virginians and those who live in areas with limited access to care.

**Letter of Intent Due (Required) January 21, 2022**  
**Application Deadline: March 11, 2022**

**Research on Biopsychosocial Factors of Social Connectedness and Isolation on Health, Well Being, Illness, and Recovery (R01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)**
Grants for research projects that examine how social isolation and social connectedness affect outcomes in health, illness, recovery, and overall well being.

**Application Deadline: June 21, 2022**

**Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellows**

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**

**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**

**American Hospital Association Equity of Care Awards**

Honorary awards that recognize hospitals and health systems that have achieved a high level of success in advancing diversity and health equity through data, leadership, cultural awareness, and partnerships.

**Application Deadline: November 19, 2021**

**Innovation Award: COVID-19 and Health Equity (U01) Clinical Trials Optional**

Funding for innovative projects that will strengthen and advance COVID-19 health equity research. One area of interest includes proposals that support the evaluation of outcomes by demographic data including, but not limited to, ethnicity, race, age, disability, and geography.

**Application Deadline: November 29, 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**

**Graduate Psychology Education Program**

Grants to support doctoral-level psychology education and training programs to prepare psychologists to address the behavioral health needs, including opioid use and substance use, in high-need underserved and rural populations.

**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**

**RADx-UP CDCC Community Collaboration Mini-Grant Program**

Grants to support community partners working to advance capacity, training, support, and community experience with COVID-19 testing initiatives.

**Application Deadline: December 10, 2021**

**RADx-UP CDCC Rapid Research Pilot Program**

Grants to evaluate the feasibility of implementing emerging COVID-19 testing technologies in underserved communities.

**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**

AmeriCorps State and National Grants

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**

CDC Public Health Associate Program (PHAP)

Announces an experiential learning opportunity for early-career public health professionals through the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP). Provides information on the academic and work requirements for the associate program and application information. **The 2022 application cycle will be open January 17-24.**

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

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**

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**, socioeconomic 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.

**Application Deadline: September 8, 2024**

**Rural Business Development Grants**

Supports targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities leading to the development or expansion of **small and emerging private businesses in rural areas** that have fewer than 50 employees and less than $1,000,000 in gross revenues.

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**
Community Health Center Capital Fund LoanPLUS Program

A Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) program that provides loan capital and technical assistance designed to meet the needs of smaller health centers and/or those with limited financial resources. Health centers that have not been able to access financing through conventional lenders are encouraged to apply.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

MAT Waiver Eligibility Training

A free online and computer-based training series for physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants that satisfies some of the requirements to obtain a waiver for prescribing buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder.

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

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

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

American Rescue Plan Provider Relief Fund New Distributions

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

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

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

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

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