Weekly Update

October 18th, 2021

Check out our newest episode!

VRHA News

2021 Rural Health Voice Conference
Plenary Speaker Spotlight
Shani Gaylord  
Director of Community Programs, Piedmont Access to Health Services  
"Community Health Workers"  
November 2nd, 2021   3:00 pm

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

Register for the Conference Here

Application Deadline for Student Presentations is October 22!

VRHA is still accepting applications for Student Presentations to be presented at the Rural Health Voice Conference. All types of health professions and public policy students are encouraged to submit applications for consideration. Deadline for submissions is Friday, October 22nd. A maximum of 16 applications will be approved for presentation. Apply Here

Members in the News

Former clinic director looks for other ways to give back

With a past in journalism and business management, Pam Murphy says she sees a future for herself in marketing, fundraising and legislative advocacy. After serving on various boards of directors (including the Virginia Rural Health Association) and working alongside advocacy groups, she said she became passionate about legislative advocacy. She especially loved working with other free clinic directors who were supportive of each other.

National News

Apply Now for Rural TransECHO!

Aimed at increasing the availability of affirming health care for transgender and gender-diverse people of all ages, Rural TransECHO will be open to healthcare organizations of any type who are located in and/or serve a predominantly rural area of the US.
Participation is free to health centers, providers, and staff who will connect once a month through an online video conference link. First session begins January 2022. 20-25 applicants will be selected. CME credits available!

For more information or for questions please contact Nikk Selik, nselik@fenwayhealth.org

**Calendar**

**Advances in Treatment of Breast Cancer Screenings that Make a Difference**  
**October 20, 2021  7:00 pm**

In partnership with the Old Dominion Medical Society, Capital AHEC is providing a Continuing Education webinar with keynote speaker, Dr. Susan Hong of the VCU Massey Cancer Center, who will speak about the advancements in treatments and breast cancer screenings that have made a difference.

**NARMH Virtual Conference 2021**  
**October 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.

**National Association for Addiction Professionals Annual Conference**  
**October 28-30, 2021**

Virtual education, training, networking, and capacity-building with thought leaders in the addiction profession. The conference will feature six keynote sessions, over 50 breakout sessions in six different subject tracks, a live Q&A with NAADAC and NCC AP leadership, a panel discussion on the Peer Recovery Movement, a panel discussion on Trauma, Grief, and Resiliency, and virtual poster presentations.

**Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Substance Use Disorder Webinar**  
**November 2, 2021  2:00 pm**

This workshop will explore the link between Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) of individuals with substance use concerns and its impact on their development.

**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**

**Data 2000 Waiver Training Payments Still Available for Rural Health Clinics**

Describes the DATA 2000 Waiver Training Payment Program, which is open to applications from Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) that employ buprenorphine-waivered providers, funded through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

**Reenvisioning Rural America**

Examines census tracts designated as micropolitan, small town, and isolated rural by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) code system, offering a typology of tracts based on assets and strengths. Organizes rural census tracts into categories including accessible, energy-rich hubs; high-employment agricultural areas; centers of wealth and health; and more. Includes a data map with information on each category of rural census tract and population, government, and geographic information for each tract.

**CDC COVID-19 Toolkit for Pregnant People and New Parents**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently issued a strong alert urging pregnant people to get the COVID-19 vaccine. CDC has a toolkit with resources and guidance to help pregnant and recently pregnant people, breastfeeding people and new parents caring for infants protect their health, and to help people who serve these communities better communicate with these key audiences. CDC also has a What You Need to Know section on its website outlining the increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 among pregnant and recently pregnant people, and the precautions they should take.

**Funding Opportunities**

**Development and Implementation of Innovative Interventions that Effectively Address Health Disparities in Access to Care for Medically Underserved Communities  ** *NEW*

Grants for community health worker and patient navigation training and service delivery programs that address linkage to care and supportive services, care coordination, cultural competency, and ethnic diversity. **Rural communities are a priority population.**

**Application Deadline: November 5, 2021**

**Healthy Eating Research: COVID-19 and Socioeconomic Recovery Efforts Impacts on Children's Health and Well-Being  ** *NEW*
Funding for research on how COVID-19 recovery-related social and economic programs and policies impact child obesity, diet quality, food security, and other relevant child and family health outcomes among lower-income and families of color.

**Letter of Intent (Required) Due: November 17, 2021**  
**Application Deadline: February 16, 2022**

**Ending the HIV Epidemic Primary Care HIV Prevention** *NEW*

Funding for HIV prevention to current Health Center Program operational (H80) grant award recipients located in Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America geographic locations.

**Application Deadline: December 14, 2021**

**State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) ** *NEW*

Grants to states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories to assist them in operating their own state educational loan repayment programs for primary care providers working in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) within their state.

**Application Deadline: April 8, 2022**

**Pilot Practice-based Research for Primary Care Suicide Prevention (R34 Clinical Trial Optional) ** *NEW*

Grants to support evaluations of factors that impact or account for the effectiveness of existing suicide prevention practices and/or pilot clinical trials that develop, optimize, and pilot test interventions and service delivery approaches at key intercepts in the chain of care. Research that seeks to reduce disparities 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: June 21, 2022**

**Medicare Incentive Payments in Health Professional Shortage Areas ** *NEW*

Medicare bonus payments to physicians in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).

**Applications accepted on an ongoing basis**

**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**

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

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**

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**

**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**

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

**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**

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

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

**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**

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

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 advance health equity by reaching territories, tribal regions, and other diverse, underserved communities, including rural areas.

**Application Deadline: January 5, 2022**

**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**

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

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**

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**

**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**

**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**

**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.
Virginia Conrad 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

**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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