**Appalachian Center for Hope Request for Qualifications**

The Appalachian Center for Hope (ACH) is seeking architectural and engineering services in conjunction with a project that will re-purpose a 1939 building on the east side of the Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute. The building is to be utilized as a residential and day facility to serve the needs of people dealing with substance abuse recovery.

**Deadline is Wednesday, June 1st, 2022 at 5:00 pm.**
National News

New NRHA Policy Briefing "LGBTQIA+ Health in Rural America"

Policy brief discussing LGBTQIA+ health and healthcare in rural areas. Explores limitations to address LGBTQIA+ health in rural communities, policy considerations, and policy recommendations to improve community-level disparities in LGBTQIA+ healthcare.

*Co-authors on this briefing include VRHA Executive Director Beth O'Connor and student member Lauren Canary*

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Calendar

**Inaugural LGBTQ+ Health Equity Summit**
April 7-8, 2022   Virtual

Free two-day virtual event open to all – healthcare providers of all disciplines, researchers, academics, advocates, students, or members of the general public. We welcome anyone who wishes to expand their understanding of the unique experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQ+) individuals and discuss issues affecting the health of this community.

**Dental CME: "How to Perform a Dental Exam for Primary and Acute Healthcare Providers"**
April 29, 2022   2:00 - 4:00 pm (Virtual)

Participants will learn the components of an oral exam, how to identify infections, and how to document patient encounters effectively. Sponsored by the Southwest Virginia AHEC and Graduate Medical Education Consortium.

**Healthcare in Appalachia Conference**
April 28-30, 2022   Pigeon Forge, TN

The Healthcare in Appalachia conference is designed to address the unique needs and circumstances of the Appalachian region. This conference will feature experts in the medical, mental health and public health fields and provide practical advice, tips, and resources to health care providers and public health professionals.

**NRHA's 45th Annual Rural Health Conference**
May 10-13, 2022   Albuquerque, NM

Join NRHA and rural health leaders from across the country in the Land of Enchantment to help raise the standard for rural health with over 80 innovative, practical, and cost-saving sessions and much more.

**The Building Rural Recovery Ecosystems Summit**
June 8-10, 2022   Memphis, TN/Virtual
To expand the capacity and effectiveness of Recovery Housing in rural America, the Fletcher Group Rural Center of Excellence will host the 2022 Building Rural Recovery Ecosystems Summit. 24 Breakout sessions to choose from, interactive workshops, and networking and social activities. Attend in person or virtually.

**Resources**

**Billing for Telehealth Encounters: An Introductory Guide on Fee-for-Service**

Presents an overview of how to bill fee-for-service Medicare and Medicaid for telehealth encounters. Includes information on originating and distant sites, virtual healthcare, and coding telehealth services. Lists types of practice sites, including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), and implications for billing telehealth services. Provides contact information for Regional Telehealth Research Centers (RTRC).

**Mapping The Mental Health Of Our Communities**

A map tool that presents statistics on mental health risks on a state or county level, based on 2020 and 2021 mental health screening data from MHAScreening.org. Includes data on depression, suicidal ideation, PTSD, trauma, and psychosis.

**HHS Strategic Plan FY 2022 - 2026**

Identifies the strategic goals and objectives of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Addresses issues impacting rural and tribal communities, including health disparities, healthcare access, and health workforce. Discusses maternal mortality, emergency preparedness, and other specific concerns.

**Public Health Strategies to Help Cancer Survivors in Rural Communities**

Resource guide that describes the National Comprehensive Cancer Control Program (NCCCP) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, highlighting key steps to improving care for rural cancer survivors. Modules cover lessons learned regarding collaboration, tailoring program services to local needs, recruitment and education of healthcare providers, and monitoring and program evaluation.

**Adolescent & Childhood Vaccination Recovery**

Offers strategies to help get recommended childhood and adolescent vaccinations back on track.

**Strengthening Excellence in Research through Veteran Engagement (SERVE) Toolkit 2.0**

Presents a toolkit to provide guidance for researchers looking to engage veterans in their research. Highlights successful practices and guidance for the implementation and evaluation of research-based programs. Discusses challenges and successes working with veterans from a number of different demographics, including rural.
Supporting Rural Health Coalitions: Opportunities with your SORH

Presents information on how to help community-based health coalitions working on local health initiatives best collaborate with their corresponding State Office of Rural Health (SORH).

Funding Opportunities

Data to Improve Community Conditions Shaped by Structural Racism *NEW*

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has made up to 35 individual grants of $40,000 each for communities to use local data to better understand and address structural racism in community conditions. This funding opportunity prioritizes meaningful engagement of people with lived experience either directly or in collaboration with organizations that have credibility and established relationships.

Application Deadline: April 20, 2022

Provider's Clinical Support System - Universities *NEW*

Funding to support graduate-level education for students in medical, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, and other eligible advanced practice nursing programs with a focus on treating opioid use disorders and prescribing medications for opioid use disorder in office-based settings upon graduation. Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-serving Institutions, and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving Institutions are encouraged to apply.

Application Deadline: May 27, 2022

Public Health Scholarship Program *NEW*

Grants to strengthen the public health workforce by providing support to organizations to develop scholarship programs that incentivize individuals to pursue training and careers in public health. Projects should focus on workforce shortages, populations at highest risk for health disparities, low health literacy, social determinants of health, and infrastructure to provide necessary services in rural and underserved communities.

Application Deadline: June 1, 2022

Firehouse Subs First Responder Grants

Grants for life-saving equipment, prevention education, and disaster relief for first responders and public safety organizations. The Foundation recognizes the needs of rural and volunteer departments throughout the country and will consider their applications despite not being within 60 miles of a Firehouse Subs restaurant.

Application Deadline: May 4, 2022

Nurse Corps Scholarship Program
Scholarships for nursing students in exchange for a minimum 2-year, full-time service commitment (or part-time equivalent), at an eligible healthcare facility with a critical shortage of nurses.

**Application Deadline: May 5, 2022**

**National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program**

Scholarships for students pursuing eligible primary care health professions training in exchange for a service commitment in an approved site in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).

**Application Deadline: May 5, 2022**

**Susan Harwood Training Program - Workplace Safety and Health Training on Infectious Diseases (Including COVID-19)**

Grants will fund training and education to help workers and employers identify and prevent work-related infectious diseases, including COVID-19. Training topics must focus either on COVID-19 specifically or infectious diseases broadly. The Harwood Training Grant program supports remote and in-person hands-on training for workers and employers in small businesses; industries with high injury, illness, and fatality rates; and vulnerable workers, who are underserved, have limited English proficiency, or are temporary workers.

**Application Deadline: May 6, 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**

**Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts**

Grants to enhance and expand substance use disorder treatment services in existing drug courts, recognizing the need for treatment instead of incarceration for individuals with substance use disorders.

**Application Deadline: May 9, 2022**

**National Health Service Corps Site Application**

Apply to be a National Health Service Corps Site to receive recruitment and retention assistance, networking opportunities, and other benefits.

**Application Deadline: May 10, 2022**

**Osteopathic Health Policy Fellowship**
A leadership training program for osteopathic physicians and other associated health professionals who would like to learn about and implement health policy at local, state, and national levels. **Rural health, disparity populations, workforce, and other related topics are policy areas that will be addressed.**

**Application Deadline: May 15, 2022**

**Award for Excellence in Program Innovation**

Awards to recognize innovative best practice models in the field of health and aging.

**Application Deadline: May 16, 2022**

**Cancer Health Equity Research Centers at Minority-Serving Institutions**

Funding to support the formation of Cancer Health Equity Research Centers (CHERCs) designed to target cancer health disparities that are unique to a local or regional community. Applicants must be from Minority-Serving Institutions and are required to demonstrate that 30% of the planned research participants will be racial and ethnic minorities or live in **rural or medically underserved areas**.

**Application Deadline: May 16, 2022**

**Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program**

Grants and technical assistance to enhance the operations of adult drug courts. Courts should integrate evidence-based substance abuse treatment, random drug testing, equitable sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in judicially-supervised court settings with jurisdiction over offenders to reduce recidivism, substance abuse, and prevent overdoses. **Rural communities** are a program priority.

**Application Deadline: May 20, 2022**

**Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant**

Grants to intermediary organizations to provide technical assistance and training for **rural organizations and agencies** to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area, and once those needs have been identified, locating public and private resources to finance those identified needs.

**Application Deadline: May 23, 2022**

**Grants for Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects**

Federal funding for highway and freight projects of national or regional significance, including infrastructure projects in **rural areas**, expanded access to broadband, and projects that affect public health.

**Application Deadline: May 23, 2022**

**Bus and Bus Facilities Infrastructure Program**

Grants to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing, or leasing buses or related equipment, and
rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing, or leasing bus-related facilities. A minimum of 15% of the total program funding will be awarded to projects located in rural areas.

**Application Deadline: May 31, 2022**

**Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative**

Grants to provide reentry services and programs to reduce recidivism and combat violence by facilitating the successful reintegration of individuals returning from incarceration, especially those with substance use disorders.

**Application Deadline: June 14, 2022**

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

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**

**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**

**Surgical Disparities Research (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Grants to support investigative and collaborative research focused on understanding and addressing disparities in surgical care and outcomes in minority and health disparity populations.

**Application Deadline: July 5, 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**

**Cancer Control Research in Persistent Poverty Areas (U54 Clinical Trial Optional)**
Funding for the development of U54 Specialized Research Centers that consist of transdisciplinary, collaborative teams of institutions, clinics, communities, and tribes. Centers will provide support to early career investigators and develop a cancer prevention and control research program that focuses on, and serves, populations living in persistent poverty areas. Preference will be given to applications that include rural persistent poverty census tracts within the scope of their research.

**Application Deadline: July 6, 2022**

**Enhancing Social Connectedness and Ameliorating Loneliness to Prevent and Treat SUD and Support Recovery (R21 - Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

Funding for exploratory/developmental research to better understand the role of social connectedness and/or loneliness in prevention, treatment, and recovery from substance use disorders. One of the research topics of interest include the dynamics of social connectedness/loneliness between rural versus urban communities and across different racial and ethnic groups.

**Application Deadline: August 15, 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**

**Rural Hospital Leadership Team Award**

Award that honors an exceptional leadership team that has guided their rural hospital and community through transformational change and healthcare reform.

**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**
Getting To Zero: Understanding HIV Viral Suppression and Transmission in the United States (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

Grants for projects designed to improve understanding of viral suppression and HIV transmission in the U.S. using population-level epidemiology, tools from data science approaches, and implementation science research.

Application Deadline: September 8, 2022

Rural Healthcare Provider Transition Project (RHPTP)

Technical assistance and training for rural healthcare providers to build capacity in value-based care (VBC), with emphasis on efficiency, quality, patient experience, and safety. The program's goal is to guide small rural hospitals and rural health clinics that are not currently participating in VBC to prepare for participation in a health system focused on value.

Application Deadline: September 30, 2022

Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund

Funds programs that work in the areas of affordable housing and shelter, education and youth development, environmental stewardship, workforce, and human services within the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation service area. Available in 15 counties in Virginia.

Application Deadline: September 30, 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

Rural Family Medicine with Obstetrics Fellowship

One-year fellowship with Tacoma Family Medicine in Washington for family medicine physicians who plan to care for a rural population with limited access to healthcare services. The fellowship includes expanded scope obstetrics including cesarean sections.

Application Deadline: October 1, 2022

Stand Down Grants

Provides funding for events that offer homeless veteran populations a variety of social services designed to help them to reintegrate into their communities, such as housing, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

Application Deadline: December 31, 2022

Walmart Foundation Community Grant Program
Grants to support the unique needs of local communities in the service areas of Walmart and Sam’s Club stores.

Application Deadline: December 31, 2022

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Research to Address Vaccine Hesitancy, Uptake, and Implementation among Populations that Experience Health Disparities

Notice of Special Interest for community-engaged research to evaluate strategies to facilitate vaccination uptake in clinical and community contexts and address the barriers to increasing reach, access, and uptake of vaccinations among health disparity populations at high risk and likely to experience vaccine hesitancy.

Application Deadline: January 8, 2023

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

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) Hearing Healthcare for Adults: Improving Access and Affordability

Notice of Special Interest for research to improve access and affordability of hearing healthcare (HHC) in adults, which includes research addressing rural health issues potentially affecting HHC utilization and the unique HHC needs of rural populations.

Application Deadline: January 7, 2024
**Technology Development to Reduce Health Disparities (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**

Funding to develop and translate medical technologies aimed at reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Medical technologies should be effective, affordable, culturally acceptable, and deliverable to those who need them. Priority health disparity populations include racial and ethnic minorities, socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals, sexual and gender minorities, and medically underserved populations in rural and urban areas.

**Application Deadline: May 2, 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**

**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**
For ongoing funding opportunities, visit our website