

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### General

**1. Who can apply?**

- a. A public or private health care provider who will provide health care services in rural area(s) as designated by the Center of Rural and Primary Healthcare (CRPH) and/or will provide health care services in medically underserved area(s) as designated by the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) may apply.

**2. Can community programs that partner with healthcare providers apply for this grant?**

- a. No, only facilities that will provide clinical health services for rural and/or medically underserved residents and meet the eligibility requirements (see Question 1) can apply.

**3. Who is considered an “applicant”?**

- a. An applicant is considered a public or private health care provider who meets the eligibility requirements (see Question 1) who has, or intends, to apply for the grant.

**4. The grant states that the facility will be required to operate for a minimum of five years.**

**When does the five years start?**

- a. The five years will start when the construction and/or renovation of the unit is completed.

**5. Will applicants be required to have formal signed agreements with community partners (8.7(e)) as part of the application?**

- a. No. While we encourage partnerships between the applicant and community, we do not require a formal agreement between the two. If an applicant already has a formal agreement in place, they may include it in their application submission.

**6. What is the maximum award amount for one application?**

- a. The maximum award amount for any single application is \$3,000,000. Grant awards will be one-time infrastructure funds.

**7. How long will the grant term be?**

- a. The grant term will vary based on individual applications and the subsequent awards. After the construction and/or renovation of the facility is complete, the applicant will then be required to operate the unit for a minimum of five years, during which deidentified client-level data must be reported to the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS).

**8. For successful applicants, how will grant funds be released? As a single lump-sum, or based on milestones?**

- a. Funding will be released through a contractual agreement between SCDHHS and applicant. SCDHHS will work with the grant awardees on the distribution of funds to include the amount and payment method.

**Services**

**9. What type of services must be provided in these new and/or renovated facilities?**

- a. Services provided in these new and/or renovated facilities must include clinical health care services. Applicants may focus, but are not limited to, the following:
- Primary care
  - Maternal & infant care
  - Pediatric care
  - Behavioral health care

**Unit Construction**

**10. Can you specify the required components of the conceptual site plan?**

- a. There are no specific requirements for the conceptual site plan. The purpose of this plan is to give SCDHHS an understanding of how the new or renovated facility will be laid out. Things to considering adding to the conceptual site plan include:
- General building uses and their locations, such as bathrooms, common spaces, etc.
  - Present zoning on the property and zoning within 300 feet adjacent to the property and any proposed zoning changes
  - The site boundary depicted as a solid bold line
  - Pedestrian and vehicular ingress and egress
  - Internal circulation, trails and connections, pedestrian areas
  - All areas proposed for the purposes of this grant

## **Application Components & Submission**

### **11. What are allowable uses of the grant funds?**

- a. Grant funds must only be used for infrastructure and building-related expenses.

Examples of unallowable expenses include, but are not limited to staffing, recruitment, provision of services, and marketing.

### **12. How many letters of support are needed? Who can write the letters of support?**

- a. Applicants need to submit at least two letters of support.

These letters must be submitted by each of the following:

1. Chief Executive Officer

OR

Internal hospital advisory board or entity

AND

2. Professional/community partner

This can include, but is not limited to, federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), non-profit organizations, and state and local governments.

### **13. What should we include in our continuous quality improvement plan?**

- a. The submitted continuous quality improvement plan must include:
  - Quantifiable measures that need to be met in order to assess the facilities' success
  - A description of how the application will collect, monitor and analyze the data for success.

Applicants are encouraged to use the [Quality Strategy Toolkit](#) and [CMCS Quality Improvement Program tools and information](#) when completing their continuous quality improvement plan.

### **14. Where do I send my completed application?**

- a. Completed application packets need to be submitted to [grants@scdhhs.gov](mailto:grants@scdhhs.gov) by Dec. 4, 2023.

### **15. How will grant awardee(s) be announced?**

- a. If awarded the grant, the organization will be notified via email on the grant award date, Feb. 2, 2024. After all awardees are notified, a press release will be posted to our website with a list of the awardees. A link to the press release will also be posted to <https://www.scdhhs.gov/resources/grants>.