


Rural Health Transformation Program

Informational Call

Thursday, Sept. 18 and Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025

To ask a question:

Use the Q&A

- On a computer just press the Q&A button or open the Q&A panel and ask.
- On a Mobile device press the  and then Q&A .

Call Objectives

- Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program Overview.
- RHT Timeline.
- Ohio's Approach.



Rural Health Transformation Fund

- Authorized by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (Section 71401 of Public Law 119-21).
- Five-year project (\$10 billion/year).
- One application per state.
- Strengthen rural communities across America by improving healthcare access, quality, and outcomes by transforming the healthcare delivery ecosystem.

RHT Strategic Goals

- Make rural America healthy again.
- Sustainable access.
- Workforce development.
- Innovative care.
- Tech innovation.
- Other activities (that address the federal priorities).

Grants.gov CMS-RHT-26-001

<https://www.cms.gov/priorities/rural-health-transformation-rht-program/rural-health-transformation-rht-program>

2025 Project Timeline

September 15	Federal guidance posted
September 16	Ohio stakeholder comment period opens
September 18 and 25	Ohio informational calls
October 3	Ohio stakeholder comment period closes
November 5	Federal application deadline
December 31	Federal award announcement (anticipated)

Stakeholder Input

- Survey open through October 3.
- Included in call announcement and at odh.ohio.gov/rht.
- Preview questions.
- Share ideas, potential collaborations, metrics, and sustainability plans.

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Federal Guidance & Scoring

Category	Maximum Point Criteria
Strategy	Robust investment plan to structurally transform rural health care delivery.
Workplan & monitoring	Workplan includes creative and clear approaches to maximizing the immediate impact of the five-year funds. Explanation of stakeholder engagement and initiative oversight is detailed, implementable, and thoughtful.
Outcomes	Outcomes are ambitious, well-supported by credible literature, and specific. They can be reliably measured. They directly relate to a variety of improvements in patient outcomes, access to care, and/or reduction of healthcare costs.
Projected Impact	Impact on rural residents is structurally transformative. Clear explanation on how initiative and outcomes directly impact rural residents across the State, and how scale of impact is transformative.
Sustainability beyond RHT program funding period	Sustainability is planned in detail or is not needed given the nature of the initiative.

Ohio RHT Information

- **odh.ohio.gov/rht**
- **Stakeholder input**
 - <https://comply.clearimpact.com/#/public/survey/ED9A2C7F-B665-4A98-A472-8974BEDD8845>
- **RuralHealthTransformation@odh.ohio.gov**

QUESTIONS?

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