

Rural Health Transformation Program Updates

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General Information

- Slides from presentation will be added to RHTTP Website
- Questions can be entered into the Chat - will respond directly or add to FAQ
- Website being updated regularly – check for updates
 - NOFO applications and questions
 - Surveys (Important that we hear from you!)
 - Upcoming Events
- List Serve still in development

To Find More Info on NOFOs

Rural Health Transformation Program

The Louisiana Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) is an unprecedented five year federally funded investment aimed to increase healthcare access and improve healthcare outcomes for rural communities across the state. The program will focus on improving prevention and chronic disease management, strengthening workforce development, technology innovation, improving rural healthcare infrastructure, and developing innovative care models that deliver high quality, efficient, and sustainable care.

Louisiana was awarded \$208,374,448 for Year 1 of the grant; with an estimated award of \$1.4 billion over the grant period. This represents one of the top awards in the nation.

EVENTS

- **Rural Health Transformation Summit - June 11, 2026**
 - [Vendor Registration](#)
 - [Save the Date Registration](#)
- **RHTP Webinars - May 21, 2026**
 - [Webinars](#)

SURVEYS

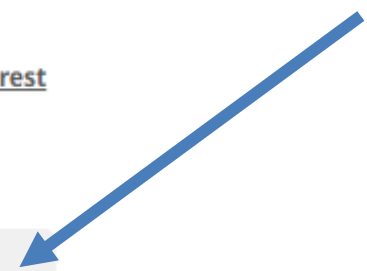
- [Louisiana RHTP Food as Medicine Interest Survey](#)

[Notice of Funding Opportunities](#)

Visit the Rural Health Transformation Program Webpage:

<https://ldh.la.gov/page/rural-health-transformation-program>

- Download the entire NOFO
- Budget Templates
- Rural Definitions and Methodology



RHTP Activities Work Together

- Providers may apply for multiple RHTP funding opportunities and are encouraged to consider how they work together
- Example – Rural Hospital
 - Funding Opportunity:
 - Apply for \$500,000 for Alternative Payment Model
 - Tech Catalyst Fund Partner gets \$250,000
 - Apply for \$300,000 for Telehealth Infrastructure
 - Expected Overall Outcomes:
 - Access to care measured in:
 - Time to next available appointment
 - Reduced by 5 days

Rural Tech Catalyst Fund (RTCF)

Louisiana is building the nation's leading rural health innovation ecosystem by connecting healthcare, technology, investment, and economic development to improve outcomes for rural communities.

- Technology Companies
- Rural Healthcare
- <\$50m in investment
- <10 years in operations
- Based in the US



Tech Catalyst Fund

- **Rural providers:** Expect companies to be reaching out for partnership opportunities, funding to vendors to facilitate pilots
 - Reach out to ORHTS if your organization would like to be pilot site (Beth.Morgan@la.gov)
- **RTCF Company Applications** for Cohort 1 are open
 - Submit interest form (<https://la.io/rural/>)
 - June 10/11: Network and connect with rural providers for partnerships
 - Evaluation committee will request additional information
 - Link for applications will be sent by invitation only
 - Go through financial due diligence (July)
 - Announcements expected by August

RHTP Funding Updates

- Notice of funding opportunities (NOFO) May through June
 - NOFOs spell out program goals, eligibility information, priority areas, etc
 - Separate application for each strategy
 - Funded through Cooperative Endeavor Agreements
- What do you need to apply?
 - Project Summary
 - Project Narrative with metrics and measurable outcomes, sustainability plan
 - Budget and Budget Narrative
 - Attachments, if requested
- Competitive opportunities will have scoring criteria and require in-kind activity

Active NOFOs

WORKFORCE

Rural Clinician Credit Bank

Applications Due:
June 25, 2026

MRAHA

Telehealth Infrastructure for Rural Access

SUSTAINABLE ACCESS

Rural Health Facilities Capital Improvement Program

Capital Improvement

Guiding Initiative - Sustainable Access: Strengthen Access to Essential Health Services through Capital Investments

This strategy supports targeted capital investments that strengthen rural healthcare infrastructure, expand access to care, improve service delivery capacity, and enable sustainable innovation deployment across rural healthcare providers.

Funding prioritizes ready-to implement projects that deliver measurable outcomes for rural populations and strengthen long-term sustainability

\$39.9 million total

TIMELINE	
June 1, 2026	Notice of Funding Opportunity Issued
June 8, 2026	Deadline to Submit Written Questions
June 15, 2026	Answers to Written Questions Posted
July 10, 2026	Application Submission Deadline for Year 1 Funds
July 10 - Early August, 2026	Application Evaluation Period for Year 1 Funds
Late July to Early August	Notice of Intent to Contract Announcements

Telehealth Infrastructure

Guiding Initiative - Make Rural American Healthy Again (MRAHA): Expand Physical Activity and Nutrition Interventions Through Community-Based Partnerships

This strategy supports targeted investments in telehealth infrastructure to increase access across rural Louisiana.

Improvement of insufficient telehealth infrastructures will increase access to specialty services, behavioral health, prenatal and chronic care services in underserved parishes. sustainability

\$5 million total

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Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

- RHTP Summit, From Vision to Reality: June 11th , 2026 at the Natchitoches Events Center.
 - Opportunity to bring rural providers, vendors, and healthcare leaders together to develop relationships, explore ideas, and build partnerships.
 - Our goal is to support collaboration, provide information, and make connections to resources.
- Virtual Vendor Showcase on Alternative Payment Models: July 7th – 11:30-1:00 pm
 - Partnership with Louisiana Rural Hospital Association.
 - Please fill out survey to engage.
- Next monthly webinar will be on Thursday, July 2, 2026

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