

## WY Office of Rural Health Newsletter



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## Wyoming in the News

### Cody Regional Health awarded by American Hospital Association

The award was presented at the AHA's 33rd Rural Health Care Leadership Conference in Phoenix.

The [Award](#) recognizes small or rural hospital leaders who guide their hospital and community through transformational change on the road to health care reform.



## Funding and Technical Assistance Opportunities

### Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program is designed to enhance the health and safety of public and firefighting personnel and to provide support for emergency responders regarding fire, medical, and all hazard events.

- **Maximum Award:** \$9,000,000
- **Eligible Applicants:** fire departments, non-affiliated EMS organizations and State Fire Training Academies
- **Application Deadline:** March 13, 2020
- **Application:** Click [here](#) to access the full application.

Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), this opportunity provides funding to rural Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies for the purpose of recruiting and training EMS personnel in rural areas.

**If you are interested in applying for this opportunity and would like technical assistance regarding the grant application process, please feel free to reach out to the Wyoming Office of Rural Health at [wyo.ruralhealth@wyo.gov](mailto:wyo.ruralhealth@wyo.gov).**

- **Maximum Award:** \$200,000 per year
- **Project Period:** Up to 4 years
- **Eligible Applicants:** rural emergency medical service agencies operated by a local or tribal government (fire-based and non-fire based) and non-profit emergency medical service agencies
- **Application Deadline:** March 30, 2020
- **Application:** Click [here](#) to access the full application.

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## Telehealth Network Grant Program

Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration through the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, this opportunity aims to promote rural Tele-emergency services with an emphasis on tele-stroke, tele-behavioral health, and Tele-Emergency Medical Services (Tele-EMS).

Proposed projects will enable telehealth networks to deliver 24-hour Emergency Department (ED) consultation services via telehealth to rural providers without emergency care specialists.

- **Maximum Award:** \$300,000 per year
- **Eligible Applicants:** rural or urban nonprofit entities that will provide direct clinical services through a telehealth network. Each entity participating in the networks may be a non-profit or for-profit entity. Faith-based, community-based organizations and tribal organizations are eligible to apply. Services must be provided to rural areas, although the applicant can be located in an urban area.
- **Application Deadline:** April 13, 2020
- **Application:** Click [here](#) to access the full application.

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## 2020 Rape Prevention and Education Mini Grant Opportunity

Funded by the Wyoming Department of Health's Youth and Young Adult Health Program, this opportunity invites Wyoming organizations to help advance the Rape Prevention and Education program goal of preventing sexual violence by implementing evidence-based [strategies](#).

- **Total Funding Available:** \$27,000
- **Project Period:** Through December 31, 2020
- **Eligible Applicants:** Organizations must be in good standing with the State of Wyoming and registered on SAM.gov. For full details, visit the program [website](#).
- **Application Deadline:** February 26, 2020
- **Application:** Click [here](#) to access the full application.

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## Grants to Implement the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention

Funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), this opportunity provides support to states and communities in advancing efforts to prevent suicide and suicide attempts among adults age 25 and older. For full details regarding allowable activities under this funding opportunity, visit the program [website](#).

- **Maximum Award:** \$400,000 per year
- **Project Period:** Up to 3 years
- **Eligible Applicants:** State government agencies, community based healthcare organizations, public health agencies, emergency departments, and federally recognized tribes. For full details, visit the program [website](#).
- **Application Deadline:** March 23, 2020
- **Application:** Click [here](#) to visit the program website

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## National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Programs



# One Application, Three Programs



The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) opened its application for three loan repayment programs: the [NHSC Loan Repayment Program](#), the [NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program](#) and the [NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program](#).

Visit the [NHSC website](#) to review the Application and Program Guidance (APG) documents and learn more about eligibility and specific disciplines. Each program has a different APG with the detailed information you need to apply, including eligibility requirements, site information, documentation, and service requirements. Read the APG carefully before you start your application.

**Application Deadline:** April 23, 2020.

[APPLY HERE](#)

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## Addressing Disparities Research Grants

Funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, this funding announcement seeks applications from researchers studying the comparative effectiveness of enhanced interventions that reduce or eliminate disparities in health and healthcare. Research may focus on residents of rural areas, low-income groups, and other target populations.

- **Maximum Award:** \$5,000,000
- **Project Period:** 3-4 years
- **Eligible Applicants:** Any public or private research organization. For full details, visit the program [website](#).
- **Application Deadline:** May 5, 2020; letters of intent due February 4, 2020.
- **Application:** Click [here](#) to visit the program website

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## Rural Health Care Coordination Program

The Health Resources and Services Administration is accepting applications for fiscal year 2020 Rural Health Care Coordination Program. The purpose of this program is to support rural health consortium aiming to improve access and quality of care through application of care coordination strategies with the focus areas of collaboration, leadership and workforce, improved outcomes, and sustainability in rural communities.

- **Maximum Award:** \$250,000 per year
- **Eligible Applicants:** Rural public and nonprofit private entities in a consortium with at least two additional organizations. For full eligibility details, visit the program website.
- **Application Deadline:** March 12, 2020
- **Application:** Click [here](#) to visit the program website

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## Black Lung Clinics Program

The HRSA funded, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy program aims to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with occupationally-related coal mine dust lung disease. To learn more about the program, visit the program [website](#).

A live technical assistance webinar is scheduled for **Monday, January 13, 2020 at 2 p.m. EST** to assist applicants in preparing their applications. The webinar will be recorded.

Call-In Number: 1-888-942-9711

Participant Code: 6427582

Weblink:

[https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/black\\_lung\\_clinics\\_program\\_ta/](https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/black_lung_clinics_program_ta/)

- **Maximum Award:** varies
- **Eligible Applicants:** Any state, public or private entity
- **Application Deadline:** March 6, 2020
- **Application:** Click [here](#) to visit the program website



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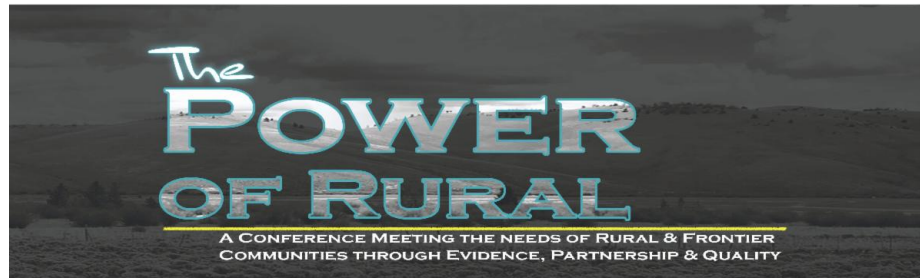
## Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Grant Program



CPR Savers provides grants to eligible organizations to cover all or part of the costs associated with purchasing an automated external defibrillator (AED).

- **Eligible Applicants:** Community-based organizations that can demonstrate need for an AED
- **Application Deadline:** Applications accepted on an ongoing basis
- **Application:** Click [here](#) to visit the program website

## Events and Training Opportunities



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MAY 5 - 7, 2020**

The Wyoming Primary Care Association, the Office of Rural Health, Wyoming Department of Health and the Wyoming Center on Aging are pleased to invite you to a statewide learning and networking opportunity. This is the conference for you if rural surroundings impact the delivery of health care to your community. *\*CEUs available*



**JOIN US IN HISTORIC LARAMIE, WY!**  
**AGENDA AND INVITATION COMING SOON.**  
**PLEASE CALL 307-632-5743 OR EMAIL**  
**HANNAH@WYPCOA.ORG FOR QUESTIONS.**

"This conference is designed for all levels of health care professionals who care for clients with chronic disease, pre-diabetes, diabetes and pain management; including physicians, mid-levels, nursing, dietitians and pharmacist. The full agenda for details on obtaining continuing education credit.

The Power of Rural Conference is coming up and we would love to have you join us! Stay tuned for the release of the registration link, as well as the full agenda.

### Grant Writing Class Feb 27-28 in Cheyenne



Laramie County and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grants workshop in Cheyenne, February 27-28, 2020. This training is applicable to grant seekers across all disciplines. Attend this class and you'll learn how to find grants and write winning grant proposals.

[Click here for full event details.](#)



## New ECHO Series

### Integrative Care: Primary Care and Mental Health

If you are someone involved in primary care or mental health services, consider participating in this ECHO series designed to increase participants' knowledge and implementation of integrative care involving primary and mental health care across Wyoming.

Sessions are held on Thursdays, bi-weekly from 12:00pm-1:00pm MST.

The **first session** will be held on February 13th. Visit the website to [register](#).

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### ICS-300 Intermediate in Cheyenne, April 7-9

From the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security Training Program

This course provides training for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System (ICS). This course expands upon information covered in the IS/ICS 100 and IS/ICS 200 courses.

Learn more about the event and register [here](#).

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### Population Mental Health State of Science Conference

This full-day conference will focus on integrated care, early prevention, mental health technology and health equity.

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#### Culture of Data Conference April 10, 2020 Denver, CO



Hosted by the Colorado Public Health Association, The Culture of Data (CoD) conference brings together community members, academia, state/local government and nonprofit organizations that share a goal of achieving health equity.

Learn more about the event and [register here](#).

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#### WYCOA Training Opportunities

Visit the [WYCOA Website](#) to learn more about the following opportunities.

- Care Coordination Certificates
  - Geriatric Healthcare Internet Series
  - UW ECHO in Geriatrics (returning in January 2020)
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### Attn: RHC practice managers and providers

***A free webinar series developed specifically for RHC practice managers and providers!***

The attached [FLYER](#) outlines a free webinar series developed specifically for RHC practice managers and providers. The topics focus on financial and operational improvement strategies. The 30-minute free

monthly webinars will be hosted by Lillypad and other subject matter experts in partnership with the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) - and they are available at no cost to your organization.

*Use the [FLYER](#) to register today!  
All webinars will begin 3:00 PM Eastern.*

## NARHC 2020 Spring Institute

Registration is now open for the National Association of Rural Health Clinics 2020 Spring Institute. Visit their [website](#) to find out more!



## Telehealth Updates



### Did you miss the last Wyoming Telehealth Network ECHO session?

ECHO sessions hosted by the Wyoming Telehealth Network (WyTN) are recorded and are accessible for free on the WyTN [website](#). Catch up on what you may have missed!

### Wyoming Telehealth Network ECHO Session

**Telemental Health Best Practices with Dr. Jasper Chen,  
Cheyenne Regional Medical Center**

**February 26, 2020 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. MST.**

**[\\*\\*Click Here to Register\\*\\*](#)**

Please note: Information about joining the sessions will be sent upon receipt of your registration. Thank you for registering!

### Telehealth 20/20: New Perspectives, Innovation Insights and Expanded Vision of Care Delivery



The Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center and its partner, the Telehealth Alliance of Oregon (TAO), invite you to participate in the NRTRC annual conference in Portland April 15-17, 2020 to discover innovations, build connections, learn from experts and more!

### Telehealth News

#### [Mayo Clinic Study Demonstrates Telehealth's Value to Rural Hospitals](#)

In rural hospitals, telemedicine may promote faster, noninvasive stroke treatments.

#### [School-Based Telehealth Makes Health a Priority for Teachers, Providers](#)



# Jobs and Service Opportunities

## Rural Medical Provider COPD Survey

COPD is a much bigger problem in rural areas of the country than it is in urban areas. To learn more about the challenges faced by rural medical providers caring for these patients, the University of Colorado and University of Kansas partnered to create the "Rural Medical Provider COPD Survey". Our goal is to learn more so that solutions can be developed. We are hoping to get input from providers in as many western states as possible to have the broadest possible view of the problem.

You can access this survey by any of these options:

- **An embedded link:** <https://redcap.ucdenver.edu/surveys/?s=P49EAT3A7N>
- **Survey Access Code:** Go to this web address: <https://redcap.ucdenver.edu/surveys/> then enter D9KLMDFM
- If you complete the survey you are consenting to be part of the study, please see the **Attached form**

## Seeking Americorp Vista for Rural Veterans Project

The Wyoming Department of Health, Office of Rural Health is seeking an Americorp Vista volunteer to help us increase access to healthcare for Wyoming's rural veterans. To learn more about this opportunity, visit the Americorp [website](#).

## Seeking Research Participants

Would you like to assist with a study examining help-seeking behaviors? If so, please consider participating in the following study sponsored by the University of North Dakota. This study is for those who are ages 18 and over and currently live or have lived in rural areas. The types of questions the survey will ask about include questions about your identity, experiences of trauma, thoughts related to seeking help, and your overall well-being. Please go to the following link to participate.

Survey link: [https://und.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3mxQbbcqgDohdHf](https://und.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3mxQbbcqgDohdHf)

# Resources

## Despite Decades of Initiatives, Rural Physicians Grow Scarcer

The number came as a surprise even to Montana State University Professor of Nursing Peter Buerhaus, and he's been writing about [medical workforce issues for years](#):

## U.S. Census 2020: Engagement Opportunities for Rural Health Stakeholders

Results of the 2020 Census will determine resource allocation for the next decade, and it is critically important that rural areas are counted. Learn about the ramifications of the 2020 Census on rural areas through this [issue brief](#) published by the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health.

## Rural Community Action Guide: Building Stronger, Healthy, Drug-Free Rural Communities

Take a look at this new rural-focused [action guide](#) published by the United



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## Sign up to receive news from the [Mountain Plains Mental Health Technology Transfer Center \(MHTCC\)](#)

Here is why you should consider [Joining the Listserv](#):

- Be the first to get information about free trainings and webinars
- Learn about new products developed for working with rural populations
- Access trainings and videos on: ACES, First Episode Psychosis, School Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, and more
- Find out when new MP-MHTTC curriculum infusion packets, podcasts, and videos are released

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## Rural Health Information Hub



About RHiHub: "The Rural Health Information Hub, formerly the Rural Assistance Center, is funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy to be a national clearinghouse on rural health issues."--RHiHub Website

RHiHub is a valuable resource for a large variety of rural relevant topics including funding opportunities, rural relevant research, and rural best practices.

Click on the logo to visit the RHiHub website.

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## Rural Health Research Gateway

Rural Health Research Gateway is a federally-funded Rural Health Research Center. Visit their [website](#) to learn more.

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