

WY Office of Rural Health Newsletter



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Funding and Technical Assistance Opportunities

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:** June 15, 2020
- **Application:** Click [here](#) to access the full application.

2020 NHSC Scholarship Program

The NHSC Scholarship Program provides scholarships to health profession students pursuing careers as primary [care providers](#) in exchange for their commitment to serve in high-need, underserved communities. The scholarship includes tax-free payment of tuition, required fees, other reasonable educational costs, and a taxable monthly living stipend.

- **Project Period:** 2 years
- **Eligible Applicants:** Be a U.S. citizen (either U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. national, be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student, not have

After completion of graduation/training, recipients fulfill their service commitment at one of more than 20,000 NHSC-approved sites throughout the nation and its territories. Each scholar serves for a minimum of two years and receives one year of financial support (up to four years) for each year of service at an NHSC-approved site found on the [Health Workforce Connector](#).

- an existing service obligation, submit a complete application.
- **Application Deadline:** May 15, 2020, 7:30pm ET
- **Application:** Click [here](#) to visit the program website

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](#)

Nurse Corps Scholarship Program

The Nurse Corps Scholarship Program (Nurse Corps SP) provides funding to students enrolled in diploma, associate, baccalaureate, or [graduate degree](#) nursing programs. The award is in exchange for a commitment to serve in high-need, underserved communities. Scholarship support includes payment of tuition, required fees, other reasonable educational costs, and a monthly living stipend.

- **Eligible Applicants:** US Citizen or lawful permanent resident nursing students. Applicants cannot have any federal judgment liens and/or existing service commitments and cannot be overdue on a federal debt.
- **Application Deadline:** April 30, 2020
- **Application:** Click [here](#) to access the full application.

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

WWAMI AHEC Scholars Program

The WWAMI AHEC Scholars Program is a multidisciplinary certificate program for health professions students that offers opportunities for hands-on training, experience in rural and underserved communities, and networking with other students and professionals.

- **Project Period:** 2 years
- **Eligible Applicants:** Students should have an interest in rural or underserved healthcare, be currently enrolled in a health professions degree or certificate program in the WWAMI service area, and be 2 years from program or degree completion.
- **Application Deadline:** Ongoing

applications accepted

- **Application:** Click [here](#) to visit the program website

Events and Training Opportunities



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)

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 Lilypad 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.*

2020 ASPPH Virtual Annual Meeting

Every Friday log in to the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health to attend a series of virtual events starting April 17th. [Register Here](#)

- Legal Determinants of Health: Implications for Public Health and Global Health Education
- Recruitment and Retention Strategies for Undergraduate Students
- Impact of Immigration Policies and Practices on International Student Recruitment, Retention, and Career Services

NARHC 2020 Virtual Spring Institute

Join us VIRTUALLY!

The National Association of Rural Health Clinics is doing their part to help lessen the curve in hopes that we contain the outbreak of Covid-19. Due to the high number of registrants we had for the 2020 Spring Conference in San Antonio, we realize there is still a high demand for the education that was offered.

Starting April 14th we will be holding all of our sessions via webinar. In the event you cannot make the dates and times below, anyone who pays for the webinars will be sent a link to view recorded sessions along with handouts and Q & A for each session following the live presentation.

[Register Here](#)



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!

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!

Conference is now being offered virtually! Click [HERE](#) to register.

NRTRC Resources:

[NRTRC COVID-19 and Telehealth Resources](#) a comprehensive, easy to use guide incorporating the most pertinent resources into one document.

[NRTRC Quick Start Guide to Telehealth](#) written for use during the current public health emergency.

Telehealth News

[CMS Covid 19 Telehealth Toolkit](#)

[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 Development Survey

The Wyoming Business Council invites people who live, work or play in rural communities to take [this survey](#) and help inform the agency's rural development programs and strategies.

The results of the survey will be combined with insight gained from a series of public meetings held last fall and used to build services that help rural communities develop their economies.

The survey is open until April 10.

Rural Medical Provider COPD Survey

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease 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**
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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

Resources

COVID-19 Guidance from RHI HUB

This [guide](#) will help you learn about activities underway to address COVID-19, the disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Federal and state agencies, along with national organizations are sharing resources and guidelines to help all communities and healthcare facilities, including rural areas, respond to this issue.

CMS Healthcare Providers Fact Sheet

[COVID-19 Emergency](#) Declaration Blanket Waivers for Healthcare Providers

Free COVID-19 Communications Toolkit

<https://resources.legatohealthcaremarketing.com/covid-19-toolkit>

12 Wyoming Counties Have no ICU Beds

More than half the counties in America have no intensive care beds, including over half of Wyoming counties, posing a particular danger for more than 7 million people who are age 60 and up — older patients who face the highest risk of serious illness or death from the rapid spread of COVID-19, a [Kaiser Health News data analysis](#) shows.

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 States Department of Agriculture.



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.

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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