



Alaska Rural Health Transformation Program Subawards: Organization-Level Eligibility Requirements

This document describes the eligibility requirements for organizations seeking to receive subaward grant funding from the Alaska Department of Health (DOH) through the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP).

The RHTP is funded through a federal cooperative agreement with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). As a result, all subawards are subject to applicable federal grant requirements, including 2 CFR Part 200 (Uniform Guidance), as well as program-specific conditions established by CMS and DOH.

Meeting the organization-level eligibility requirements does not guarantee funding. DOH will make funding decisions based on competitive review, prioritization, and available funding.

1) Who Can Apply

To be eligible to receive an RHTP subaward, an applicant must:

- Be a legally established organization, not an individual
- Have the legal authority to enter into a grant or subaward agreement
- Comply with federal grant requirements
- Obtain and maintain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and register in SAM.gov prior to award issuance (The UEI is a federally assigned ID number for organizations receiving federal funds. SAM.gov verifies eligibility status and must show an active registration before any award.)
- Agree to comply with all applicable federal, state, and program-specific requirements

2) Eligible Organization Types

Eligible organization types may include, but are not limited to:

- Health care providers (including hospitals, clinics, FQHCs, Tribal health entities, behavioral health providers, EMS agencies)
- Tribes and Tribal Health Organizations
- Nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations
- Provider associations or trade organizations

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- Social service providers and community health organizations
- Local governments
- State agencies, including public universities, and boards, are eligible to apply but must use the internal State of Alaska application process
- Educational institutions, workforce development programs, and training entities
- Childcare providers and early childhood development organizations
- Technology, innovation, or service partners working in collaboration with eligible Alaska-based entities

Organizations may be based anywhere in the United States, provided the proposed project demonstrably benefits rural Alaskans and aligns with Alaska’s RHTP initiatives. It is strongly recommended that organizations based outside of Alaska partner with Alaskan organizations or articulate a clear connection to Alaska.

3) Who Cannot Apply (Ineligible Applicants)

The following entities are not eligible to receive RHTP subawards:

- Individuals or sole proprietors applying in a personal capacity.
- Organizations that cannot meet federal administrative, financial, or compliance requirements under 2 CFR Part 200 are ineligible, including those that:
 - Lack the ability to track and document grant expenditures
 - Are unable to meet required reporting or audit provisions
 - Cannot enter into a legally binding subaward agreement
- Debarred or Excluded Entities: Organizations are ineligible if they are suspended or debarred from receiving federal funds or listed as excluded in SAM.gov

4) Prohibited Organization Activities

A. Lobbying

RHTP funds may not be used for lobbying or political advocacy, including attempts to influence legislation, appropriations, or regulatory actions using federal funds (2 CFR Sec. 200.450).

B. Proselytization

RHTP funds may not support proselytization in any form, meaning RHTP funds cannot be used for activities designed to persuade or encourage participants to adopt, change, or deepen religious beliefs. Examples include:

- Encouraging or inviting participants to convert to a religion



- Teaching religious doctrine as part of service delivery
- Integrating prayer, worship, or religious ceremonies into required program activities
- Suggesting services depend on participation in religious discussion or instruction

Faith-based organizations may apply to receive RHTP funds for activities that:

- Are provided to all eligible participants regardless of religion
- Do not include religious instruction, worship, or proselytization
- Do not require participation in religious activities to receive services