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### Alaska’s Rural Health Transformation Program Funding Pathways Description

The following chart outlines three of the four funding pathways for Alaska’s Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP): Readiness, Planning, and Project Implementation. For each funding pathway, the chart provides a brief description and details their intended recipients, the typical stage of their project proposals, and examples of potential uses of funds.

Funding Pathway <i>Purpose</i>	Intended Recipients <i>Anticipated applicant types</i>	Project Proposal Stage <i>Typical stage of development</i>	Potential Uses of Funds <i>Illustrative example (non-exhaustive)</i>
<b>Readiness Grants</b> <i>Awards to support early project design, coordination and development of administrative, grant management and reporting systems.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizations that have identified gaps or needs they want to address, or have early concept ideas, but do not yet have not yet formalized approach to their projects</li> <li>• Organizations with limited federal grant management experience, basic data systems, or little administrative capacity</li> </ul>	<b>Varies</b> , but likely early-stage proposals characterized with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conceptual idea or initial project outline</li> <li>▪ Partnerships are informal or not yet established</li> <li>▪ Unclear roles, responsibilities, or workflows</li> <li>▪ Minimal project management structure</li> <li>▪ Limited staffing to carry out exploration of early concept.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Hire staff to develop project approach, proposals or facilitate partnerships.</li> <li>▪ Fund feasibility study</li> <li>▪ Ensure organizational systems are in place (project management, data/reporting, financial)</li> <li>▪ Test concepts with community leaders in convenings and facilitated conversations.</li> <li>▪ Staffing for ideation and convening. for program development and management</li> <li>▪ Conduct organizational readiness or needs assessments</li> </ul>
<b>Planning Grants</b> <i>Awards to support planning efforts for project design, preparing for implementation.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizations that have partially scoped project plans but need support getting to the implementation phase</li> <li>• Organizations that are administratively set up to receive federal grant funds either through past experience or through readiness grants</li> </ul>	<b>Early- to mid-stage proposals</b> , characterized with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conceptual or partially developed project plan that align with RHTP goals</li> <li>▪ Partially defined scope, objectives, milestones, and deliverables</li> <li>▪ Partnerships forming or informally structured</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Facilitate process to refine scope, approach or goals.</li> <li>▪ Develop detailed implementation plans and timelines</li> <li>▪ Align and formalize partnerships with other organizations</li> <li>▪ Design program or intervention models</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Roles and responsibilities partially defined across partners</li> <li>▪ Partial administrative, staffing, or infrastructure capacity in place</li> <li>▪ Basic or developing evaluation metrics and monitoring systems</li> <li>▪ Early consideration of scalability and sustainability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identify required resources, budgets, and staffing plans</li> <li>▪ Conduct risk assessments and mitigation planning</li> <li>▪ Develop evaluation metrics and success indicators</li> <li>▪ Facilitate planning workshops or design sessions with stakeholders</li> <li>▪ Establish or expand program staffing model</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Implementation Grants</b>  <i>Awards to support projects ready for execution that advance rural health transformation goals.</i></p>	<p>Organizations with fully scoped project ideas that are prepared to receive funds and begin project implementation</p>	<p><b>Advanced-stage proposals,</b> characterized with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fully developed, detailed project plan with clear goals that align with RHTP</li> <li>▪ Well-defined scope, objectives, milestones, and deliverables</li> <li>▪ Data-driven justification for project approach</li> <li>▪ Formalized partnerships (MOUs, agreements)</li> <li>▪ Roles and responsibilities clearly defined across all partners</li> <li>▪ Resources, staffing, and infrastructure in place</li> <li>▪ Well-defined evaluation metrics and monitoring systems</li> <li>▪ Scalability and sustainability considerations integrated</li> </ul>	<p><b>Varies.</b> Defined by individual project proposals; uses of funds must align with Alaska’s RHTP goals and comply with federal RHTP requirements.</p>