

Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative RHTP Update



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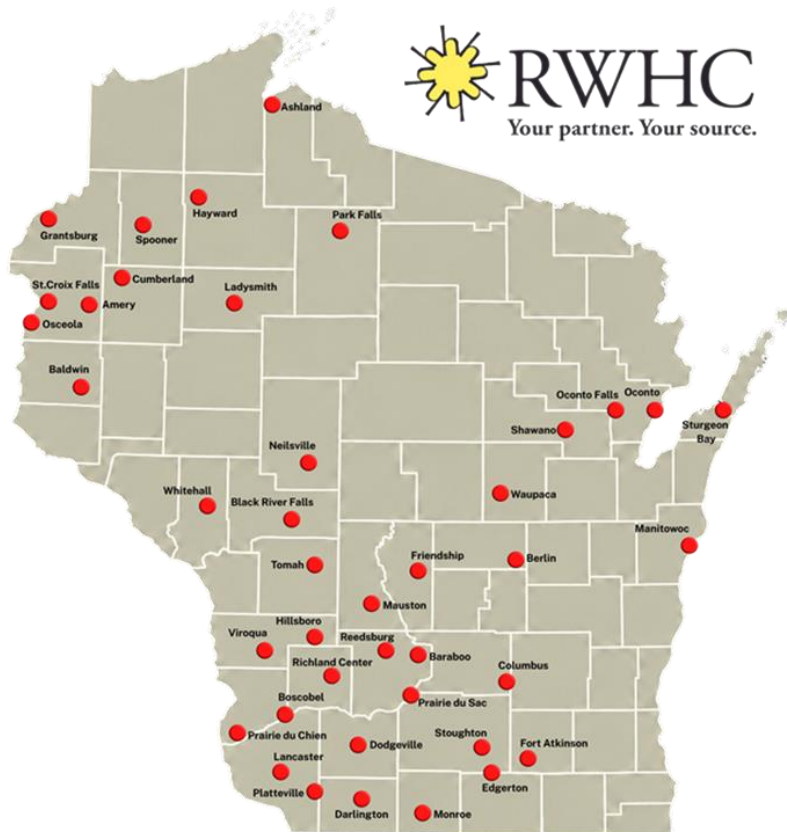
What is RHTP?

The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) is a \$50 billion federal initiative (2026-2030) administered by CMS that provides funding to states to modernize rural healthcare delivery, improve access, and enhance patient outcomes.

Wisconsin's Plan: Big Picture

Initiative	Project	Total Amount	Opportunity
1: Workforce Related	Rural workforce grants	\$150 million	Competitive grants for "sustainable investments" in rural workforce
	Community health worker (CHW)	\$60 million	Competitive grants for rural facilities
	Workforce readiness	\$127 million	Focus on funding schools for workforce pipeline
2: Technology and Interoperability	Rural technology transformation fund	\$205 million	Allocation of funds to rural facilities to purchase technology
	Rural healthcare collaborative	\$85 million	"Digital collaborative through single statewide procurement for smaller rural providers"????
	Public navigation transformation	\$29 million	For State Upgrades, United Way and WISHIN
	Dental tech grants	\$10 million	Competitive grants to dental clinics
3: Population Health	Care coordination grants	\$230 million	Collaborations to implement care coordination and preventive care services
	Behavioral health innovations	\$5 million	Landscape study and strategy development (focus on children)
	Medicaid reforms and other	\$44 million	Includes RHC payment system "upgrades"

Care Coordination Grant Participants



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Care Coordination Grant

- Primary goals of the grant program:
 - **Increase access** to primary, specialty, and behavioral health care
 - **Improve** prevention, behavioral, and **chronic health outcomes** in rural communities
 - Reduce readmissions/ED visits
 - Fund projects that emphasize **collaborations**
- Requirements:
 - Initial application is for a 6 month planning grant (Nov.-April); full grant requirements to come

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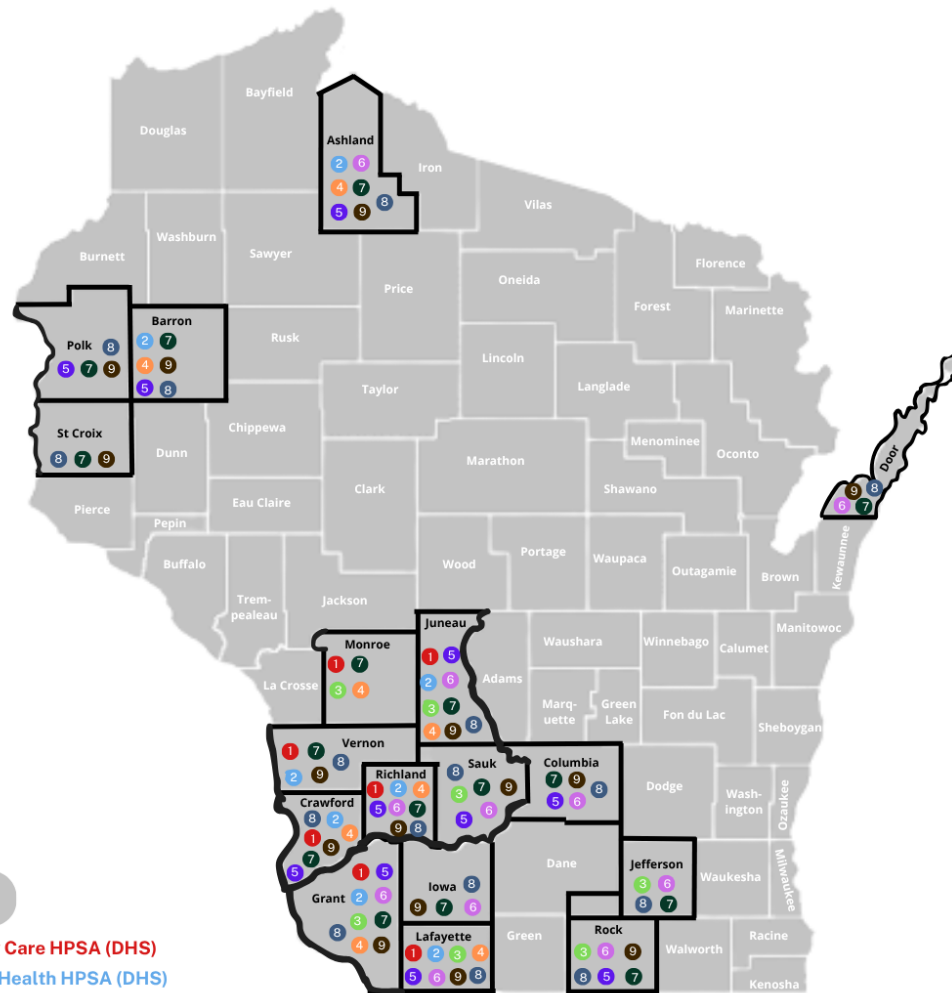
- Funding available:
 - \$10,000,000 for all applicants for planning period
 - Up to \$20,000,000 per applicant for four-year implementation period
- Eligible initiatives:
 - New or expanded partnerships/services/activities
 - Chronic disease management, behavioral health, maternity care, community health workers, etc.
 - Hiring/training new CHWs to serve rural residents is spelled out as eligible

Funding Priorities/Ideas

- Care Coordination Staff
- Diabetic Educators
- Community Outreach Events
- Community Outreach Staff
- Interpreter Programs
- Smoking Cessation Programs
- Home Monitoring
- Developing multi-disciplinary teams including primary care, pharmacy, behavioral health, nutrition, care management
- Hiring Community Health Workers
- Integrate CHWs into Care Coordination teams
- Expanding community outreach programs intended to increase preventive screening rates and improve outcomes
- Cancer Prevention and Survivorship Programs
- Healthy Food and Lifestyle Programs

What Can We Fund For The Full Four-Year Grant Period?

- Promoting evidence-based measurable interventions to improve prevention and chronic disease management
- Recruiting and retaining clinical workforce to rural areas, with 5-year commitments to serve rural communities
- Capital expenditures and infrastructure, including minor building alterations, if clearly linked to program goals, subject to restrictions
- Fostering and strengthening local and regional strategic partnerships between rural facilities



Key:

1. Primary Care HPSA (DHS)
2. Mental Health HPSA (DHS)
3. Above State Average Poor Mental Health Days (CHRR)
4. Above State Average Obesity Rate (CHRR)
5. Above State Average Smoking Rate (CHRR)
6. Above State Average Cancer Mortality Rate (WCC)
7. Below State Average Breast Cancer Screening (CHRR)
8. Cancer Prevention Task Force Participant
9. Maternity Services Workgroup Participant

Where We Are Today

