



Healthcare Funding Update: Where Technology Funding Is Flowing in Mid-2026

Funding activity continues across several healthcare technology-related programs, with recent activity concentrated in state-administered Rural Health Transformation Programs (RHTP), HRSA rural quality initiatives, and the FCC Rural Health Care Program.

Rural Health Transformation Program Activity Accelerates

The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) continues to be one of the most significant healthcare funding initiatives impacting rural providers. Several states have recently moved from planning into active funding rounds, award announcements, and implementation activities.

ARIZONA

Arizona recently announced new RHTP funding opportunities focused on:

- Innovative care models
- Technology-enabled access to care
- Operational and fiscal performance improvement
- Shared services models
- Mobile healthcare access initiatives

Arizona is investing nearly \$167 million in rural healthcare transformation funding over the program period and continues to release new grant opportunities and implementation initiatives.

Recent update: On July 24, Arizona announced new funding opportunities through its Rural Health Innovative Care Pilot Program and Technical Assistance for Operational & Fiscal Performance initiatives. Additional opportunities are expected to follow.

Learn More: <https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Initiatives/RHTP/>

GEORGIA

Georgia continues to distribute funding through its GREAT Health Program, the state's Rural Health Transformation initiative.

Recent announcements include:

- **\$30.6 million** in Phase 2 awards supporting workforce development, care coordination, telemedicine, and healthcare innovation.
- **\$60.5 million** in Phase 3 awards supporting rural hospitals and workforce initiatives.
- More than **\$103 million awarded** to date through the program.

Learn More: <https://dch.georgia.gov/great-health-program>

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OREGON

Oregon remains one of the most active states participating in RHTP.

Recent activity includes:

- Approximately **\$175.3 million** awarded across rural healthcare projects in 2026.
- More than **500 project proposals** submitted requesting over \$830 million in funding.
- An additional **\$97.1 million** awarded in July to support projects across every county in the state.

Learn More: <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/HP/Pages/rural-health-transformation.aspx>

Arizona, Georgia, and Oregon represent only a sample of current RHTP activity. Healthcare organizations across the country are receiving and deploying Rural Health Transformation funding through state-administered programs. Partners should monitor state Medicaid agencies, health departments, and RHTP program websites in regions where they do business, as many opportunities are emerging through state-specific initiatives and implementation projects rather than national grant announcements.

Open Funding Opportunity: HRSA Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is currently accepting applications for the Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program. The program is designed to strengthen quality improvement capabilities, improve care coordination, enhance chronic disease management, and support value-based care efforts within rural healthcare organizations.

KEY DATES

- **Application Opens:** July 2, 2026
- **Application Deadline:** August 6, 2026
- **Maximum Award:** \$250,000 per recipient

TECHNOLOGY AREAS ALIGNED TO THIS FUNDING

- Clinical analytics
- Population health platforms
- Business intelligence solutions
- Quality reporting tools
- Workflow automation
- Care coordination technologies

Learn More: <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding/HRSA-26-046>



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Ongoing Funding Source: FCC Rural Health Care Program

One of the most underutilized healthcare funding mechanisms remains the FCC Rural Health Care Program, including the Healthcare Connect Fund. It operates on a July-to-June funding cycle. The FY2027 filing window opened July 1, 2026, allowing eligible healthcare organizations to begin submitting requests for funding support related to broadband, telecommunications, and network infrastructure needs.

Eligible healthcare organizations may receive support for broadband and telecommunications services, including discounts of up to **65% on eligible connectivity expenses**. The program can support a variety of healthcare technology initiatives, particularly in rural environments.

SUPPORTED TECHNOLOGY AREAS

- Broadband connectivity
- Wireless WAN
- SD-WAN
- Telehealth infrastructure
- Managed connectivity services
- Rural network modernization

KEY DATES

- FY2027 filing window opened: **July 1, 2026**
- Funding Year 2027 runs: **July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027**

RECENT UPDATE

The FCC recently announced that **\$226.4 million in unused funds would be carried forward** to help fully support program demand.

Learn More: <https://www.usac.org/rural-health-care/>



Bottom Line

Funding opportunities continue to emerge across federal programs, connectivity initiatives, and state-led transformation efforts. For technology partners, understanding where funding is being awarded and how those initiatives align to technology priorities can help identify opportunities as healthcare organizations move from funding announcements to project implementation.

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