

# Nevada Rural Health Transformation Program Overview

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# Federal Rural Health Transformation Program

## General Overview

- Federal H.R. 1 “Big Beautiful Bill” approved in 2025
  - Federal Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)
    - H.R. 1 Allocates \$50B in funding to help improve health access and outcomes for rural communities
    - Total Federal funding will be allocated over a 5-year timeframe, with 50% allocated to states as base funding, and 50% as competitive workload funding
    - In late December Nevada was awarded ~\$180M for year-one, of the five-year funding process

# State of Nevada RHTP is Managed by the Nevada Health Authority



## Key Links to NV Health Authority Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Background:

- **NV Health Authority RHTP Webpage:** [https://nvha.nv.gov/Community/Rural\\_Health\\_Transformation/](https://nvha.nv.gov/Community/Rural_Health_Transformation/)
- **NV Health Authority Nevada RHTP Proposal Executive Summary:**  
<https://nvha.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/nvhanvgov/content/Community/RHTP%20Application%20Executive%20Summary.pdf>
- **NV Health Authority Nevada RHTP Full Proposal:**  
<https://nvha.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/nvhanvgov/content/Community/Project%20Narrative.pdf>
- **NV Health Authority Nevada RHTP Proposal Budget:**  
<https://nvha.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/nvhanvgov/content/Community/Budget%20Narrative.pdf>

# NV Rural Health Transformation Program

## Application: Four Key Pillars

01

**Rural Health Outcomes Accelerator Program (RHOAP)**  
*Make Rural America Healthy Again*

02

**Flex Fund to Strengthen Rural Health Infrastructure (Flex Fund) Sustainable Access**

03

**Workforce Recruitment & Rural Access Program (WRRAP)**

04

**Rural Health Innovation & Technology (RHIT)**

Source: 1.27.26 NV Health Authority Winter Stakeholder Update

# Rural Health Outcomes Accelerator Program (RHOAP) *Make Rural America Healthy Again*

- Evidence-based, outcomes driven initiatives
- Chronic disease prevention & management
- Behavioral health
- Prenatal care
- RFPs

Source: 1.27.26 NV Health Authority Winter Stakeholder Update

# Flex Fund to Strengthen Rural Health Infrastructure (Flex Fund) *Sustainable Access*

- Rural CAHs and clinic infrastructure needs
- Leverage regional buying power; regional purchasing strategies
- Shared resources
- No new construction
- RFAs

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# Workforce Recruitment & Rural Access Program (WRRAP)

- Grow-Your-Own Pipeline
- Tuition/training support
- CHWs, CHRs, PSS recruitment & training
- Addressing burnout, isolation & retention
- Incentives for new rural provider hires
- Rural residency programs
- RFPs/RFAs

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# Rural Health Innovation & Technology (RHIT)

- Digital health ecosystem in rural Nevada
- Rural telehealth infrastructure
- Access to patient-centered care
- Interoperable health data sharing systems
- RFPs

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# NV Health Authority: RHTP Funding Distribution/Spend Timeline/Deadlines

- Flex Fund: Publish RFA in March
  - applications accepted through August 30, 2026
- RHOAP, WRRAP, RHIT
  - Publish RFAs in May; awards in July of 2026
  - Publish RFPs in May; awards in September of 2026
  - Contracts run September 15, 2026-September 30, 2027
- Overall HRT Timing/Deadline
  - All Year One RHT funds must be spent by September 30, 2027 (\$180M)

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# NSHE Rural Health Transformation Program Coordinating Council Appointees

## NSHE Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Coordinating Council Appointees

**NSHE Facilitator** Dr. Marcia Turner, Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences

**CSN Representative** Dr. James McCoy, EVP Academic Affairs

**GBC Representative** Dr. Amber Donnelly, President

**NSU Representative** Mr. Brandon Murphy, RN School of Nursing

**TMCC Representative** Dr. Melissa Deadmond, Interim VP Academic Affairs

**UNLV Representative** Dr. Alison Netski, Interim Dean, Interim VP Health Affairs

**UNR Representative** Ms. Megan Comlossy, MMP, Dir. School of Public Health Public Affairs & Policy

**WNC Representative** Ms. Amanda Kay, Grant Writer

# **NSHE Rural Health Transformation Program Coordinating Council Goal**

*The goal of this internal NSHE RHTP Coordinating Council, is to facilitate interinstitutional and interdisciplinary communication, collaboration, coordination among/within NSHE institutions, to help refine, align, and, where appropriate, combine proposals, to help:*

- 1) enhance the ability of NSHE programs to support the healthcare needs of rural Nevadans; and*
- 2) improve effectiveness and competitiveness, enhance outcomes and innovation, and avoid unnecessary duplication of RHTP proposals submissions from NSHE institutions.*

# Questions????

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