

Rural Community Health Infrastructure Program

Resources for New Hampshire Rural Health Infrastructure Projects

New Hampshire was awarded \$204 million from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to implement the first year of its five-year Rural Health Transformation (RHT) plan. The State's RHT plan will be administered by the Governor's Office through the Governor's Office of New Opportunities and Rural Transformational Health (GO-NORTH). On March 16, 2026, GO-NORTH contracted with the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) to invest more than \$40 million per year to create a Rural Community Health Infrastructure Program, which will provide resources to nonprofits and municipalities to support infrastructure improvements to health and community facilities across the State.

RURAL COMMUNITY HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

A competitive program, the **Rural Community Health Infrastructure Program** will award funds to rehabilitate rural health facilities and related community infrastructure that are included in and aligned with the initiatives and outcomes committed to in New Hampshire's RHT plan. The Program will also provide technical assistance to prospective applicants and awardees to help facilitate successful implementation, from grant application through project completion.

The Program aims to make rural New Hampshire healthier through improvements to infrastructure, including:

- Renovations to bring county-run assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing beds back online to reduce hospital discharge barriers.
- Renovations at community mental health centers and federally qualified health centers.
- Renovations at rural health care facilities to establish or expand childcare capacity to help recruit and retain a rural healthcare workforce of safety-net providers. Eligible facilities could potentially include community mental health centers, federally qualified health centers, and county-run assisted living in rural areas.
- Renovations to existing buildings to house ambulances to expand Emergency Medical Service (EMS) capacity in rural areas.

In addition, CDFA will develop **Rural Community Health Specialty Programs** that support minor renovations and infrastructure improvements that advance other RHTP goals to make rural New Hampshire healthier.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

Eligible applicants include New Hampshire nonprofits and municipalities. In addition to meeting all eligibility requirements, all applicants will be subject to programmatic and financial review.

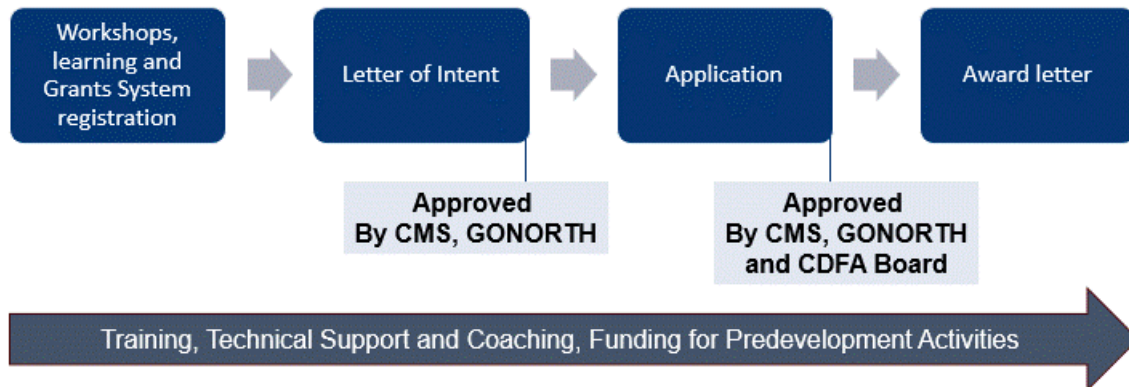
Final program and eligibility criteria will be defined in the Rural Community Health Infrastructure Application and Program Guide, which will be made available at www.nhcdfa.org and presented during a series of virtual webinars for New Hampshire nonprofits and municipalities interested in learning more about the Rural Community Health Infrastructure Program and applying for these resources.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

CDFA expects the following timeline for the Rural Community Health Infrastructure Program application process,

- **April – May 2026:** Program design, priority-setting, and interagency coordination
- **May – Early June 2026:** Application and Program Guide development; Workshops and compliance readiness
- **June – July 2026:** Application launch and active technical assistance, and Year 2 planning
- **July – October 2026:** Application review and approval, award notices, and contracts

CDFA expects the application process to follow the following process, with all funding opportunities open to eligible applicants and posted at www.nhcdfa.org.



For more information, sign-up for updates on the Rural Community Health Infrastructure Program by visiting the GO-NORTH website: <https://www.gonorth.nh.gov/> or the CDFA website: <https://nhcdfa.org/signup/>.

About the Community Development Finance Authority

The [Community Development Finance Authority \(CDFA\)](#) is a state-chartered, independent community and economic development entity serving all of New Hampshire. We provide a variety of financial and technical resources, including the competitive deployment of grant, loan and tax credit programs to advance community and economic wellbeing. Those resources include New Hampshire state tax credits, federal Community Development Block Grant resources and the CDFA Clean Energy Fund.

CDFA's resources [increase access to affordable childcare](#) and critical services in [community facilities](#), [create healthy and safe affordable housing](#), [empower small businesses](#) through technical assistance, increase energy efficiency, revitalize neighborhoods and Main Streets, and strengthen local economies.

The **Rural Community Health Infrastructure Program** aligns with CDFA's mission as the organization annually invests state and federal resources to support meaningful community economic development projects across New Hampshire. A few examples of CDFA's investments in community health infrastructure include:

- **[Tamworth Community Nurse Association](#)**: The Tamworth Community Nurse Association (TCNA) provides free skilled nursing and health support to Tamworth residents, serving as a healthcare provider and community hub for the 3,000 residents it serves each year. TCNA recently leveraged resources to complete a new 2,600-square-foot facility, tripling its space and expanding services. The modern, ADA-compliant building includes exam rooms, a lab, a conference space for public programs, and improved access for seniors.
- **Sullivan County Oral Health Collaborative**: The Collaborative has a mission to enhance oral health through education and access to care for all individuals and families. The organization also operates the Sullivan County Dental Initiative; funds were used to support the building rehab and expansion. The improvements allowed the clinic to add treatment space, expand services and launch a new innovative dental lab program, as well as contribute to the restoration of a historic building in downtown Claremont.
- **Coos County Family Health Services**: Coos County Family Health Services in Berlin is a Federally Qualified Health Center and the sole provider of primary health care services in the Berlin-Gorham region. The organization used funds to expand the amount of clinical space available to provide primary care services, improve the health and well-being of area residents and enhance the financial sustainability of the organization.

Learn more about how CDFA's resources are impacting New Hampshire communities by viewing [CDFA's State Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report](#).