

RCORP-Impact (Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Impact)

Opportunity #: HRSA-26-037

Funder: HRSA, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (Rural Strategic Initiatives Division)

Application Due: **May 29, 2026** (11:59 PM ET)

Period of Performance: 4 years (9/1/2026–8/31/2030)

Purpose

RCORP-Impact provides **seed funding to significantly expand and sustain integrated, coordinated, evidence-based substance use disorder (SUD) services**, including opioid use disorder (OUD), in **HRSA-designated rural areas**. The focus is on **treatment and recovery**, supported by prevention, workforce development, and strong multi-sector networks.

Funding Details

- **Total FY26 funding:** \$60 million
- **Anticipated awards:** ~80 grants
- **Award size:** Up to **\$750,000 per year**
- **Project length:** 4 years (four 12-month budget periods)
- **Cost share:** None required

Eligible Applicants

Open to **domestic public, nonprofit, for-profit, Tribal, and faith-based organizations**, including:

- Tribal governments and Tribal organizations
- State, county, and local governments
- Nonprofits (with or without 501(c)(3))
- Health systems, hospitals, clinics
- Institutions of higher education
- For-profit entities (including small businesses)

Individuals are not eligible.

Geographic Requirements (Critical)

- Services **must be limited to HRSA-designated rural counties or rural census tracts**
- In partially rural counties, activities must occur **only in rural census tracts**
- Applications proposing any non-rural areas will be **deemed ineligible**

- Applicants must address the **entire selected rural service area**

Required Program Model

Applicants **must address all four RCORP-Impact goals:**

1. Direct SUD Service Delivery (Primary Focus)

- Prevention, treatment, *and* recovery services
- Treatment **must include MOUD** (methadone, buprenorphine, naltrexone)
- At least **one physical service site** offering treatment or recovery services in **each rural county**
- All services must be **evidence-based** and available regardless of ability to pay

2. Supportive Social Services

- Navigation and coordination for housing, transportation, childcare, employment, benefits, etc.
- Required **navigation services** for people in treatment and recovery
- Emphasis on closed-loop referrals and care coordination

3. Workforce Development

- Expand and sustain a rural SUD workforce, including:
 - MOUD providers
 - Peer Recovery Specialists
 - Care navigators, billing and admin support
- Recruitment, training, supervision, retention, and burnout prevention are allowable

4. Network Engagement & Sustainability

- Minimum **4-partner network** (applicant + 3 others)
- At least **50% of partners physically located in the rural service area**
- Required Network Coordinator
- Formal agreements (MOUs) required post-award
- Strong emphasis on **third-party billing and sustainability planning**

Target Populations

- Individuals with or at risk for SUD/ODU in rural areas

- Families and caregivers
- Priority populations encouraged (based on local need), including:
 - Youth
 - Pregnant and postpartum people
 - Tribal and Indigenous populations
 - People experiencing homelessness
 - Populations at higher overdose risk

Key Application Requirements

- **One application per organization**
- **60-page limit** (project narrative + attachments)
- Required attachments include:
 - Work plan (4-year)
 - Staffing plan and bios
 - Letters of support from **three network partners**
 - Direct service site details
- Must demonstrate:
 - Measurable increases in people served
 - Capacity for data collection, reporting, and evaluation
 - A credible sustainability and financing plan

Funding Priorities (Bonus Points)

- **New rural service areas not currently funded by RCORP-Impact** (+3 points)
- **New RCORP-Impact recipients** (+2 points)

Notable Restrictions

- No construction or real property purchase
- No syringe exchange or drug paraphernalia
- No denial of services based on inability to pay
- Emphasis on **treatment and recovery over harm-reduction-only models**
- Strong alignment required with federal policy, public safety, and evidence-based practices