

Rural Veterans Health Access Program Funding Opportunity

SUMMARY:

The Utah Department of Health, Office of Primary Care and Rural Health is accepting applications for the Rural Veterans Health Access Program (RVHAP) sub-grants for **one year projects and award agreements**. The application is due **June 30, 2021**, and the application period is August 1 2021 to July 31, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

The Rural Veterans Health Access Program (RVHAP) grant is designed to improve the coordination of care between the VA and critical access hospitals (CAH), rural hospitals, rural clinics, and rural organizations who provide care to rural veterans in order to **increase access to care, reduce barriers, and provide additional resources for veterans living in rural areas throughout Utah**.

FUNDING AMOUNT:

No request over \$100,000.00 will be considered. The number of awards allocated will depend on the number of applications received and the amount of funding requested per application. The ability to reapply for continued funding over multiple years will be contingent on the number of applications submitted and availability of funding.

ELIGIBILITY:

Eligible applicants applying for the RVHAP sub-grant must:

- be located in Utah
- be a public or nonprofit entity
- be located in a designated rural or frontier county or be located in an urban county and be able to provide sufficient evidence that the applying organization provides services to veterans in rural areas. The applying organization will have greater chances of being awarded if they can provide zip codes or other geographic evidence that they are providing assistance to rural veterans; veterans who commute from rural areas; or utilize their services due to financial or uninsured\underserved reasons. To check if your area is classified as rural or frontier, please refer to the map on OPCRH's website here: <https://ruralhealth.health.utah.gov/portal/county-classifications-map/>
- provide primary or mental health care services to veterans and their family members
- provide objectives and measures that are succinct and coherent to the goals of the project
- be sustainable beyond the end of the project period, with a provided future plan on how to achieve sustainability and
- must improve care coordination and access to care for veterans, specifically veterans in rural areas.

Additionally, the sub-grant may apply to organizations who provide assistance to underserved veterans in urban areas who live in their service area; veterans who commute from rural areas to urban areas in

order to receive care; or utilize their services due to financial or uninsured/underinsured reasons.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1.) Please describe your organization's proposed project. Describe the objectives and goals of the project, and an overview of how the funding will provide assistance.
- 2.) Please describe how the project will improve care coordination for veterans in rural areas. Provide an overview and how the project will increase access to care, services for veterans, and resources for veterans at your organization.
- 3.) Describe how you will measure the impact of your project on the veterans in your community. Provide all milestones and measurable goals the project will complete over the 1-year grant period.
- 4.) Describe how the project will be sustainable beyond the funding period. Please provide an outline for your organization with plans to continue a sustainable project once funding ceases.
- 5.) Please provide a budget narrative that sufficiently detailed and covers use of RVHAP Sub-grant funds and for each category.

Before applying, please note the following:

- We are only accepting online applications through the link provided on the OPCRH website. No email or mail-in applications will be accepted.
- There are two (2) tabs in the application, please fill both tabs with the required information.
- You **cannot** "Save and Continue Later". You may preview the application, but once started, you must complete.
- If you would like a PDF copy of the application, please email Colton Gordon (coltongordon@utah.gov) for a copy

