



Request for Grant Application (RFGA) Q & A

RFGA Title: Rural Hospital Stabilization Grant Program (RHSGP) 2023	
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The purpose of this document is to provide answers to Applicants questions. Please see Questions and Answers included herein.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

#	Questions	Referenced RFGA Section	Answers
1.	Who would be the appropriate signature on the appendix forms?	RFGA doc	The person within an organization who is authorized to execute on behalf of and bind the entity to the Grant Agreement.
2.	How do you get the hospital on the rural hospital tax credit list?	General	Please visit Rural Hospital Tax Credit Georgia Department of Community Health for information regarding RHTC eligibility.
3.	Can you use the funds for multiple projects?	RFGA doc	Within Spending Component 1: Traditional Rural Hospital Stabilization Grant Program Projects, applicants are required to propose at least one, but not more than three projects. See Appendix I <i>Resource Documents</i> for definitions and examples of traditional projects.



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4.	Can your review how each section is scored or graded?	RFGA doc	Each section is scored or graded based on the specific requirements in the section.
5.	Do you only want the signature pages from the appendices submitted correct?	RFGA doc	No. Please submit the entire Appendices with the signature pages.
6.	Some of the forms shows space for up to 3 projects ... can additional projects (all within the award amount) be appended in some manner ?	RFGA doc	Within <i>Spending Component 1: Traditional Rural Hospital Stabilization Grant Program Projects</i> , applicants are required to propose at least one, but not more than three projects. See Appendix I <i>Resource Documents</i> for definitions and examples of traditional projects.
7.	Where do we obtain all of the appendices? I see E,F, and G. Where are the other ones?	RFGA doc	All of the other Appendices may be found within in the RFGA document.
8.	If we are a healthcare system with entities in multiple states and in both urban and rural areas, including Georgia, can we submit the application from one state where our headquarters are, and have the primary place of performance at one of our rural sites in Georgia?	General	The submission would have to come from the specific Rural hospital in Georgia that is applying.



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9.	<p>We were looking at the possibility to provide assistance to Southern Regional Medical Center located in Clayton County for the Rural Hospital Stabilization Grant Program. I've checked the requirements and it appears that the hospital does not meet the criteria for financial need, according to the information that was provided in the RFGA. It is my personal opinion that even though we are not considered rural, there should be some type of provisions for urban areas. Last year, the hospital was \$19M in the red and we are likely going to provide up to \$7M to keep them afloat this next fiscal year. This is especially concerning, considering the fact that we just lost Atlanta Medical Center in the north part of Atlanta. Do you know if there's any program, we could tap into to assist them in their endeavors?</p>	General	<p>Unfortunately, we are unaware of any similar state programs for urban that have a similar design. There may be some federal HRSA programs available. Our suggestion would be to search Health Resources and Services Administration HRSA to locate any similar grant opportunities.</p>
10.	<p>If the hospital is preparing their own proposal, do they still need to submit the Business Associate Agreement?</p> <p>When submitting the completed proposal packet...should each item be attached separately, or can you send as one .pdf document?</p>	<p>RFGA Appendix D</p> <p>General</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>The required documents may be submitted separately or in one pdf document.</p>



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11.	<p>We are in the process of filling out “Appendix E Budget Worksheet RFGA Rural Hospital Stabilization.” The spreadsheet appears to have incorrect formulas in cells E29 and H29. The total shows significantly higher than the sum of our requested amounts. Because this is a protected sheet, we are unable to manually change it.</p> <p>Can somebody look at that worksheet and advise? I’m attaching an example of the workbook. I would expect E14 + E19 + E22 to add up to \$833,000, but according to E29 it is \$1,699,000. (Same with H; H14+H19+H22 should = \$833,000)</p>	RFGA Appendix E	<p>Appendix E, Budget Worksheet has been corrected. The corrected Appendix E may be found on the DCH website at www.dch.georgia.gov/grant-announcements</p>
12.	<p>What is the anticipated award date? Will it be in FY '23 or FY '24?</p>	General	<p>The anticipated grant award is June 30, 2023.</p>
13.	<p>Can funds be used to add a modular building to a hospital-owned building? This will allow for more usable space. This is not a new land purchase, construction from the “ground-up” or the purchase of a brand new piece of land. It is just adding on to an already existing building to create and expand the services offered.</p>	General	<p>Yes.</p>
14.	<p>The Early County Hospital Authority owns Early Medical Center, Blakely, GA. They lease it to a for-profit company. Is Early Medical Center eligible for a Rural Hospital Stabilization Grant?</p>	RFGA Section V. Eligibility to Apply for Grant Funding	<p>(c), Eligible hospitals must be listed on the Rural Hospital Tax Credit (RHTC) 2023 Ranking of Financial Need. If the hospital in question is not included on the RHTC 2023 Ranking of Financial Need, that hospital would not be eligible to apply.</p>



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15.	Do you have Appendices A & H available in electronic format, so I can type on them?	RFGA Appendices A & H	Appendices A & H will be on the DCH website www.dch.georgia.gov/grant-announcements for convenience only.