

Rural Health Network Grant Program

Questions and Answers

	Question	Response
1.	Is there a match requirement?	No
2.	Is an ambulance service considered “disposable medical supplies”?	No
3.	With regard to EMS services are the application reviewers looking for projects which establish or enhance services in rural areas?	Yes
4.	Does an intergovernmental agreement have to exist to meet the two county requirements?	No, but there must be evidence of mutual collaboration in writing via letters of support, memorandums of agreement, or other explicit documentation illustrating collaborative commitment.
5.	Could this be used by local governments (we’re considered rural) to purchase AED’s or extrication equipment?	Yes
6.	<p>“Located in a rural county. A rural county is defined as a county with population of 35,000 or less.”</p> <p>In regards to eligibility for Tanner Health System, two of our facilities (Tanner Medical Center/Carrollton and Higgins General Hospital) are located in rural census tracts of metropolitan counties-Carroll and Haralson counties (according to HRSA’s Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer). Does this disqualify Tanner from this opportunity?</p>	The lead applicant must be located in a rural. A rural county is defined as a county with population of 35,000 or less based on the 2000 or more recent census or codified by State legislation.
7.	Does the rural eligibility classification apply to the lead applicant’s primary place of business or can it include branch offices located in a rural county or rural census tract?	Applicant’s primary place of business
8.	Can a single entity (government agency) can apply for the grant or must it be a partnership of multiple agencies within the same county	No single entity may apply

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	or multiple county agencies applying?	
9.	<p>South Georgia Medical Center's main campus is located in Lowndes County and is a not-for-profit hospital. We are inquiring about the eligibility of our SGMC campus, which is a completely different hospital, in Berrien County. This campus is a 51 bed hospital, a not-for-profit hospital and is in county with a population of 19,041 residents. Would our Berrien campus qualify for the Rural Health Network Grant? Also, we understand that at least two more organizations must be served. Do those organizations need to qualify for the grant too or can they be ineligible?</p>	<p>The lead applicant and partners must rural The lead applicant must be located in a rural. A rural county is defined as a county with population of 35,000 or less based on the 2000 or more recent census or codified by State legislation.</p> <p>Partners are not required to be rural.</p>
10.	<p>The RFP states that the applicant must be a non-profit health care provider or local government. Is the South Georgia Regional Prevention Coalition (a regional 501(c)3 non-profit health network) considered a non-profit health care provider and eligible to apply? Is a school system that has at least one school-based health center providing telehealth services (in partnership with the Georgia Partnership for Telehealth) considered to be a health care provider and eligible to apply?</p>	<p>Without more information regarding the South Georgia Regional Prevention Coalition we are unable to determine eligibility. The Coalition would have to provide evidence that they are in fact a direct patient care provider.</p> <p>If the “school system” is a unit of local government they are eligible to apply.</p>
11.	<p>Is the grant award for only one year (ending on 6/30/15)? Is there the possibility of being awarded the grant for more than one year?</p>	<p>The grant is for one grant period that is from date of execution until June 30, 2015. There is no option for renewal.</p>