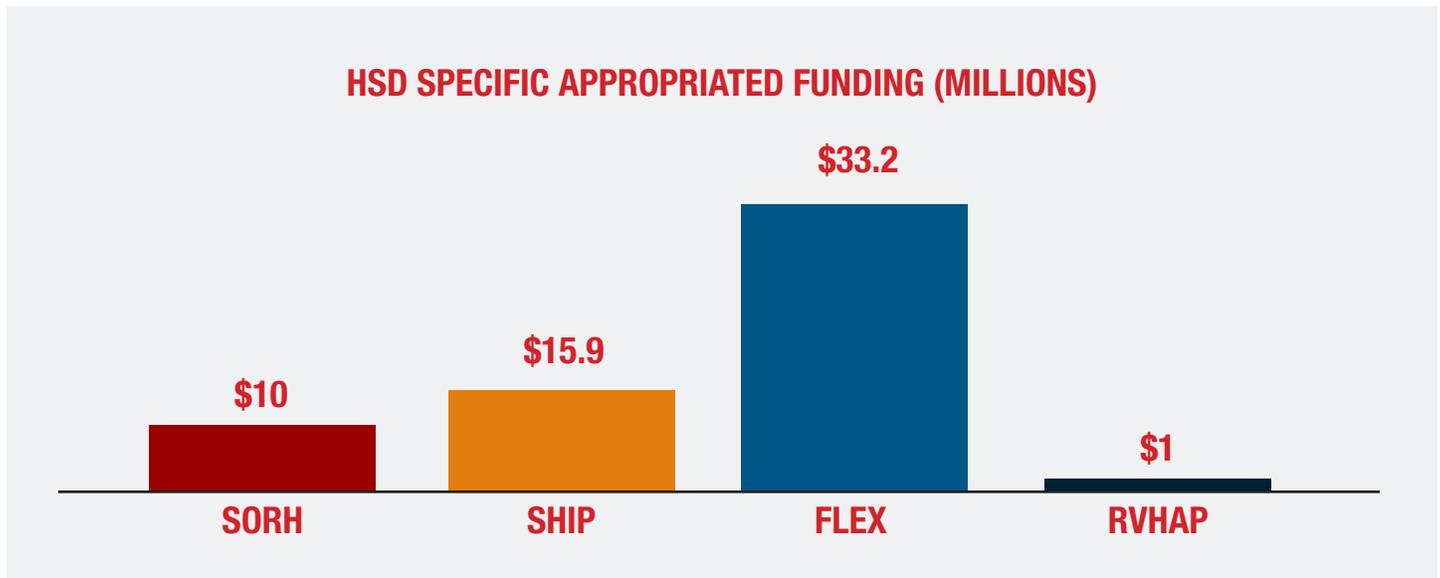


## About the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy's (FORHP) Hospital State Division

The Hospital State Division (HSD) works to enhance access to quality care by supporting states with resources to strengthen the rural health infrastructure.



### STATE OFFICES OF RURAL HEALTH (SORH)

The SORH Program enhances the rural health infrastructure by aligning state and Federal resources to rural communities in an effort to develop long-term solutions to rural health problems. This nationwide program creates a focal point for rural health issues within each state.

- The **National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH)** supports leadership development and partnerships of the SORH, and partners at the national, state and regional levels.

### SMALL RURAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SHIP)

SHIP provides funds for rural hospitals with 49 beds or fewer for investments in hardware, software and related training efforts to act as a catalyst to assist in the adaptation to changing payment systems and movement towards value.

### MEDICARE RURAL HOSPITAL FLEXIBILITY (Flex)

The Flex Program provides funding to enable states to assist Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and rural Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies in maintaining and improving economic viability, clinical quality, and population health through training and technical assistance. Within Flex, the **Medicare**

**Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP)** requires CAHs to report on a core set of measures in order to engage in quality improvement initiatives.

- **Technical Assistance and Services Center (TASC)** provides comprehensive rural health resources related to small rural hospitals and CAHs.
- **Rural Quality Improvement Technical Assistance (RQITA)** assists with CAH challenges around data reporting and improvement initiatives through toolkits, newsletters, and other resources.
- **Flex Monitoring Team (FMT)** analyzes CAH data around quality, financial, and community measures and evaluates Flex Program activities.

### **RURAL VETERANS HEALTH ACCESS PROGRAM (RVHAP)**

RVHAP provides funding to states to work with providers and other partners to improve the access to needed mental health and other healthcare services to improve the coordination of care for veterans living in rural areas.

### **SMALL RURAL HOSPITALS TRANSITIONS (SRHT)**

The SRHT Program provides in-depth consultations to small rural hospitals in areas of persistent poverty to drive financial and quality improvements and help them prepare for the transition to value based care.

### **VULNERABLE RURAL HOSPITALS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VRHAP)**

VRHAP provides targeted in-depth assistance to vulnerable rural hospitals struggling to maintain healthcare services with the goal for residents in those rural communities to continue to have access to essential health services.

### **DELTA REGION COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT (DRCHSD)**

The DRCHSD Program enhances healthcare delivery in the Mississippi Delta region through intensive, multi-year on-site technical assistance to healthcare facilities in rural communities, targeted to the needs of each community.