

Rural HIV/AIDS Planning Program – FAQs

1. Where can I find more information about this funding opportunity?

You can find more information about this funding opportunity on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by searching ‘HRSA-20-105’ or ‘Rural HIV/AIDS Planning Program’.

2. When was this funding opportunity released?

This funding opportunity was released on May 11th, 2020. The application deadline is July 10, 2020 at 11:59 PM ET.

3. What is the application page limit?

The total size of all uploaded files included in the page limit may not exceed the equivalent of **80 pages** when printed by HRSA. The page limit includes the abstract, project and budget narratives, attachments, and letters of commitment and support required in the Application Guide and this NOFO.

4. Is the Rural HIV/AIDS Planning Program associated with ‘Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America’ (EHE)?

The Rural HIV/AIDS Planning program’s objectives align with and support [EHE’s goals](#). However, the program does not specifically fund EHE activities, nor is this program collecting data to assess the performance of EHE related activities.

Additional information on EHE can be found on [hiv.gov](https://www.hiv.gov).

5. I am not in one of the seven (7) states identified with a disproportionate number of HIV diagnoses in rural areas. Am I eligible to apply for this funding opportunity?

Unfortunately, if you are not located in one of the seven (7) states identified with a disproportionate number of HIV diagnoses in rural areas which are: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, and South Carolina, you are ineligible to apply for this funding opportunity. Those located within those seven (7) states, who also meet all other eligibility requirements, are encouraged to apply.

6. How were the seven (7) states with a disproportionate number of HIV diagnoses in rural areas identified?

Research shows that most HIV infections in the United States are highly concentrated in certain geographic hotspots. More than 50 percent of new HIV diagnoses in 2016 and 2017 occurred in only 48 counties; Washington, D.C.; and San Juan, Puerto Rico. In addition, seven states have a disproportionate occurrence of HIV in rural areas. For more information, please visit [HIV.gov](https://www.hiv.gov).

7. What are the requirements for the lead applicant and consortium?

The lead applicant must be a rural nonprofit private or rural public entity, and can include tribes and tribal organizations and faith-based and community organizations. The applicant organization must represent a consortium composed of three or more health care providers. Network members may be rural or urban, nonprofit or for-profit entities. All services must be

provided in HRSA-designated rural areas. To ascertain whether your proposed service area is considered rural, visit here: <https://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/tools/analyzers/geo/Rural.aspx>

8. Are tribes and tribal organizations eligible to apply?

Yes.

9. How can I prepare for this funding opportunity?

HRSA encourages organizations interested in applying to register early with grants.gov, DUNS, and SAM, as this process can take up to a month to complete:

<https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/register/index.html>. Additionally, given the requirement that the lead applicant be part of a group of at least three other separately-owned partners that have committed to forming a consortium or are part of an established consortium, HRSA recommends reaching out to potential partners early so the group is in place by the time the notice of funding opportunity is due.

10. Where can I find HIV related data and resources?

There are multiple HRSA-funded HIV data and resources on the [Rural Health Information Hub](#). You can also contact your local health department, State Office of Rural Health, State Rural Health Association, State Primary Care Office, and/or primary care association which may provide valuable resources for acquiring the data and information necessary to respond to this section.

Technical Assistance (TA) Webinar Questions

The TA webinar was held on Thursday May 21st, 2020. The webinar was recorded and the webinar recording, transcripts, and slides are available at: <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding/hrsa-20-105>

Question: For Attachment 11, previous grants, are you wanting an abstract for every single HRSA grant received over the prior 5 years? This could significantly eat away at page limits for applicants with multiple past grants.

Answer: Yes, please provide an abstract for each HRSA grant received over the prior 5 years. Please feel free to remove the page breaks between each project abstracts to reduce the number of pages to remain under the page limit of 80 pages.