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RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

Fall foliage and a winding road.

Vermont's Rural Health Transformation Program Update

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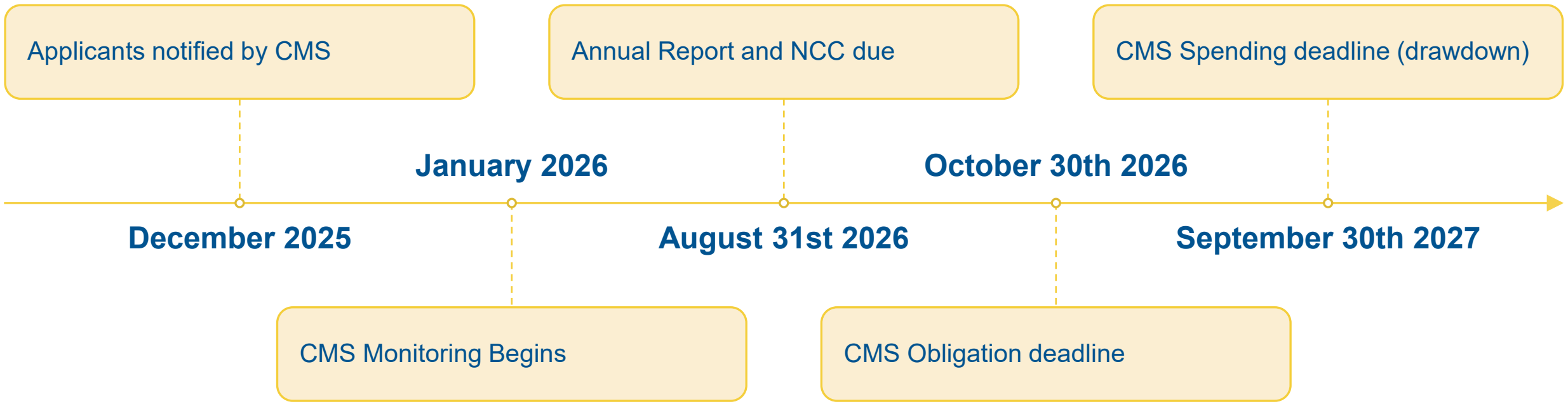
What is the Rural Health Transformation Program?

- On November 1, 2025, the State of Vermont submitted its Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Fund application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- This funding opportunity came about as part of the H.R. 1 reconciliation bill. Nationally, the program provides $50 billion over five years (2026–2030).
- Each year, $10 billion will be awarded to states.
  - Vermont's exact allocation is determined by the federal government after reviewing our application and subsequent reporting.
  - RHT is a cooperative agreement with CMS

Year 1 Timeline



Annual Report and Non-Competing Continuation Application (NCC)

- **Annual Report is used to track programmatic progress for the first RHT budgeting period**
  - Due August 31st
  - Used for rescoring states for Year 2 award
  - Currently open for public comment on the Federal Register through August 5th, 2026
- **Non-competing Continuation Application**
  - Due August 31st
  - Budget Period 2 Application
  - Similar components to initial application
    - Updating year 2 budget estimates

RHT Staffing Update

- 18 positions filled
- 5 positions in active recruitment

Dept	Title	Status
CO/HCR/Blueprint/HCR Data	HCR Integration Manager	Filled
CO/HCR/Blueprint/HCR Data	Admin Services Director III	Filled
CO/HCR/Blueprint/HCR Data	Director of Health Care Workforce	Filled
CO/HCR/Blueprint/HCR Data	Admin Services Director II	Filled
CO/HCR/Blueprint/HCR Data	Admin Services Director I	Recruiting
CO/HCR/Blueprint/HCR Data	Blueprint Payment Ops Admin	Recruiting
CO/HCR/Blueprint/HCR Data	Health Care Project Director	Filled
CO/HCR/Blueprint/HCR Data	Financial Manager II	Filled
CO/HCR/Blueprint/HCR Data	Admin Services Mgr I	Filled
CO/HCR/Blueprint/HCR Data	Admin Services Mgr III	Filled
CO/HCR/Blueprint/HCR Data	Administrative Services Coordinator IV	Filled
DVHA	Financial Manager I	Filled
DVHA	Admin Services Director II	Filled
DVHA	Admin Services Director II	Filled
DAIL	Admin Services Mgr I	Filled
DAIL	Business Project Manager	Recruiting
DMH	Admin Services Mgr III	Recruiting
VDH	Public Health Program Manager I	Filled
VDH	Public Health Specialist III	Filled
VDH	Public Health Program Manager I	Recruiting
VDH	Financial Administrator I	Filled
VDH	PH Program Director II	Filled
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Year 1 Activities

All competitively procured activities have been posted

- Open Program RFP/NOFOs

Varied procurement status

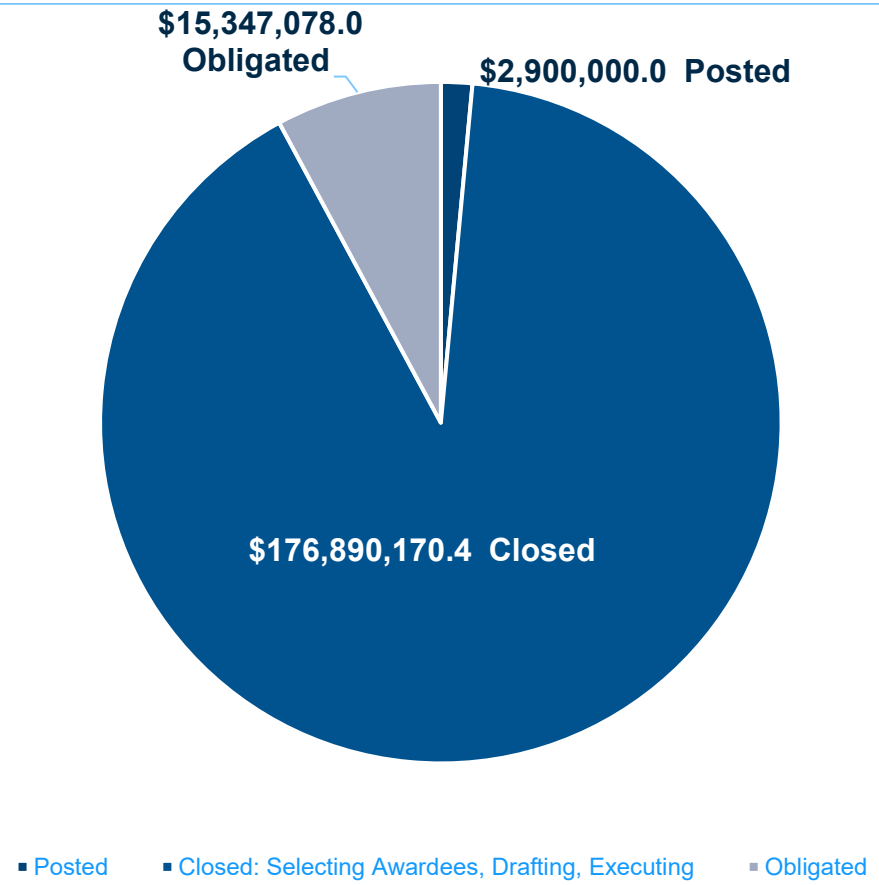
- Executed/obligated
- In negotiations
- Bid scoring
- Posted

Opportunity Name	Relevant Department	Opportunity Closing Date	Opportunity Link
Rural Health Transformation Program - Centralized Tool to Guide Interfacility Transfers	Agency of Human Services - Office of the Secretary	7/29/2026 10:00 PM	Vermont Business Registry and Bid System - Bid Detail
Rural Health Transformation Program - Transform, Innovate, and Regionalize Care	Agency of Human Services - Office of the Secretary	Round 2 8/17/2026 10:00 PM	Vermont Business Registry and Bid System - Bid Detail
Rural Health Transformation Program - Facility Upgrades to Support Regionalization	Agency of Human Services - Office of the Secretary	Round 2 8/17/2026 10:00 PM	Vermont Business Registry and Bid System - Bid Detail
Mental Health Urgent Care- Rutland County	Department of Mental Health	8/7/2026 4:00 PM	Vermont Business Registry and Bid System - Bid Detail

Vermont RHTP Initiatives & Activities

	Initiative 1: Regionalization and Innovative Care Strategies	Initiative 2: Establishing a Clinically Integrated Network of Shared Services	Initiative 3: Strengthening Primary Care	Initiative 4: Health Care Workforce Development	Initiative 5: Price Transparency and Insurance Competition
ACTIVITIES	Transformation, innovation and regionalization support grants	Incentivizing adoption of a shared Electronic Health Record/Electronic Medical Record Platform	Providing enhanced capacity for team-based care	Expand access to LNA training programs	Statewide health care data platform modernization and transparency project
	Transformation analytics and support	Establishing a shared Human Resources Information System (HRIS)	Incentivizing access to primary care	Establish the Maple Mountain Consortium Family Medicine Residency program	Statewide assessment of options to improve health coverage affordability
	Facility upgrades to support regionalization	Statewide e-Consult expansion and workforce capacity building	Specialty and primary care performance payments	Health care professions training and mentorship program	
	Development of a statewide health care delivery strategic plan	Supporting a statewide closed-loop referral system	MH and community support integration into primary care teams	Health care workforce development tuition assistance program	
	Community paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Health model	Creating a centralized tool to guide interfacility transfers	Enhancing Blueprint transformation network capacity	Health care “critical occupations” no-cost tuition program	
	Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder urgent care expansion	Grants to providers to adopt remote patient monitoring (RPM)	Workforce support and system integration development	Health care workforce conditional financial assistance program	
	Mobile units offering dental care	Grant funds to providers to adopt telehealth technology	Enhancing primary care-focused data and analytics infrastructure	Expand pharmacists’ scope to include test-to-treat in more scenarios (i.e., COVID-19, flu, strep throat)	
	Mobile units offering medical, and integrated Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment	Grants to providers to adopt Artificial Intelligence (AI) transcription/scribe technology	Expanding access to FQHC primary care services		
	Improve availability and access to high-acuity services for nursing home residents including dialysis services and ventilators		Expanding access to recovery housing for individuals with SUD needs		

Total Budget by Status (In Dollars)



Fully Obligated Activities

Activity Name	Budget
Statewide health care data platform modernization and transparency initiative	$2,635,000.00
Development of a statewide health care delivery strategic plan	$1,430,829.00
Improve availability and access to high-acuity services for nursing home residents including dialysis services and ventilators	$1,282,675.97
Health care workforce conditional financial assistance program	$9,059,785.00
TOTAL	**$14,408,289.97**

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13, Agreements finalized, waiting for signature

Activity Name	Budget
Independent evaluator	$815,989.00
Statewide assessment of options to improve health coverage affordability	$500,000.00
Mental Health and community support integration into primary care teams	$8,450,255.70
Expanding access to recovery housing for individuals with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) needs	$7,999,996.37
Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) urgent care expansion	$3,262,845.33
Mobile units offering medical, and integrated Mental Health (MH) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment	$2,581,566.57
Mobile units offering dental care	(Combined above)
Statewide e-Consult expansion and workforce capacity building	$143,399.50
Grants to providers to adopt Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM) equipment	$798,267.77
Grant funds to providers to adopt telehealth technology	$7,530,260.64
Grants to providers to adopt Artificial Intelligence (AI) transcription/scribe technology	$878,439.00
Establish the Maple Mountain Consortium Family Medicine Residency Program	$571,907.36
Health care professions residency program	$4,000,000.00
TOTAL	**$37,532,927.24**

Status of 31 Closed Activities