

Initiative 4: The Next Generation of the Small-town doctor and team

Short Description:

Provide funding to ensure the next generation of small-town doctors are surrounded by sufficient mid-level practitioners and allied health professionals to give rural residents access to all levels of care in their communities.

Total Available Dollars:	\$330M																				
Year 1 Approved award:	Part 1: \$73.585M open to all rural providers Part 2: \$25M focus on behavioral health providers																				
Who qualifies?	Rural health care providers, at least 1 award per rural county (preference given to governmental, non-profit, or privately held entities headquartered in Texas)																				
How will funds be distributed?	Request for application																				
Additional details:	<p>Initiative 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locally-driven efforts will focus on at least one of four approaches: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Developing career paths for local high school students. Providing scholarships for recent high school graduates. Offering relocation or signing bonuses for early, mid, or late career professionals. Creating a new residency training program, fellowship or combination program, including partnering with academic institutions or an existing teaching hospital. <p>Source: Rural Health Transformation Program Update - Rural Hospital Advisory Committee (RHAC), February 3, 2026</p>																				
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