



## Rural Health Transformation Program **Compliance & Oversight**

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# Agenda

1 Rural Health Transformation Plan Overview

2 Program Benefits & Strategic Opportunities

3 Compliance & Oversight

4 Preparing for Funding

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## Rural Health Transformation Plan Overview



# Rural Health Transformation Plan Overview

## What Is It?

- A federal funding initiative designed to strengthen rural healthcare
- Administered by – [Office of Rural Health Transformation \(ORHT\)](#)
- Commits \$50 Billion over five years (2026–2030)
  - \$10 Billion each year

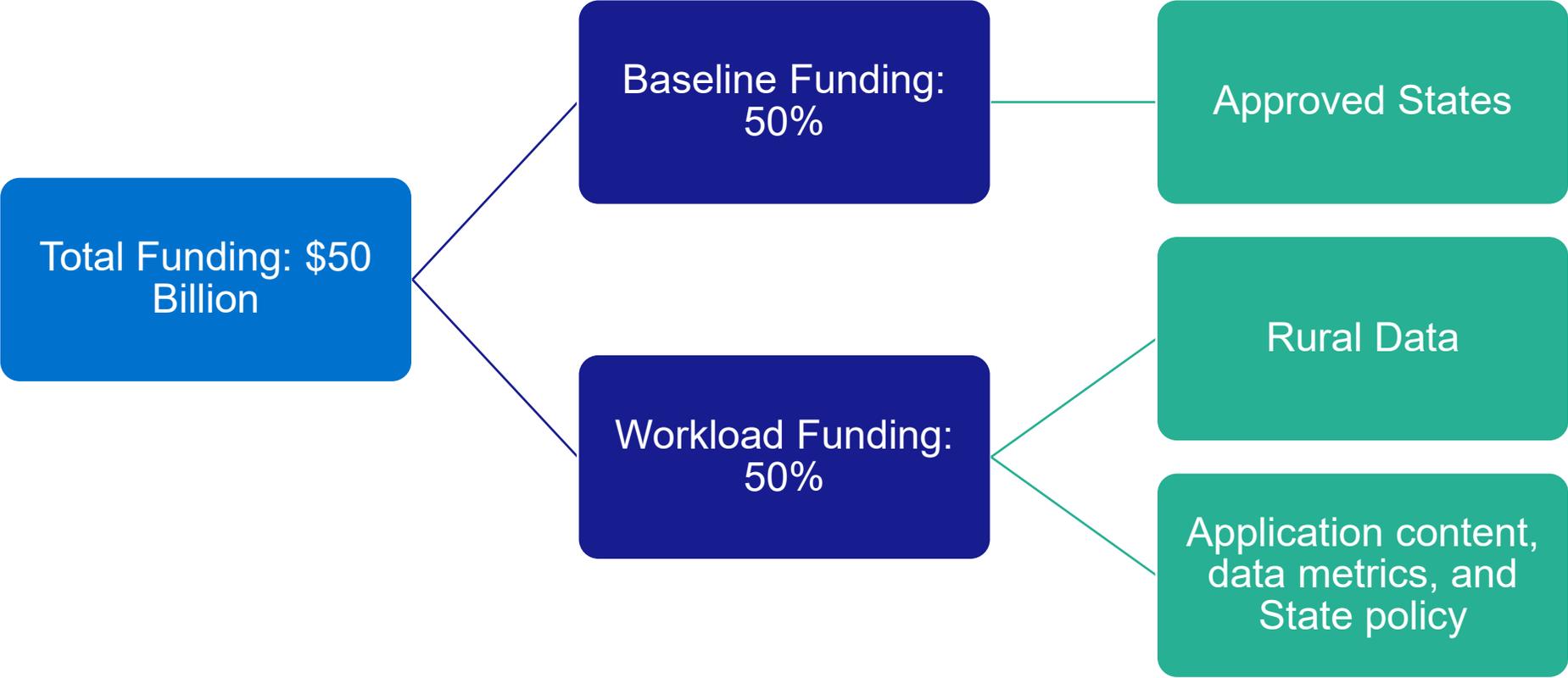
### Eligible Uses

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- Preventative Medicine
- Provider Payments – Reimbursements for Rural Health Services
- Telehealth & IT Infrastructure
- Mental Health & Substance Abuse
- Training & Technical Assistance
- Innovative Care Models – Value-Based Care
- Workforce Recruitment – Incentives for Rural Service Commitments

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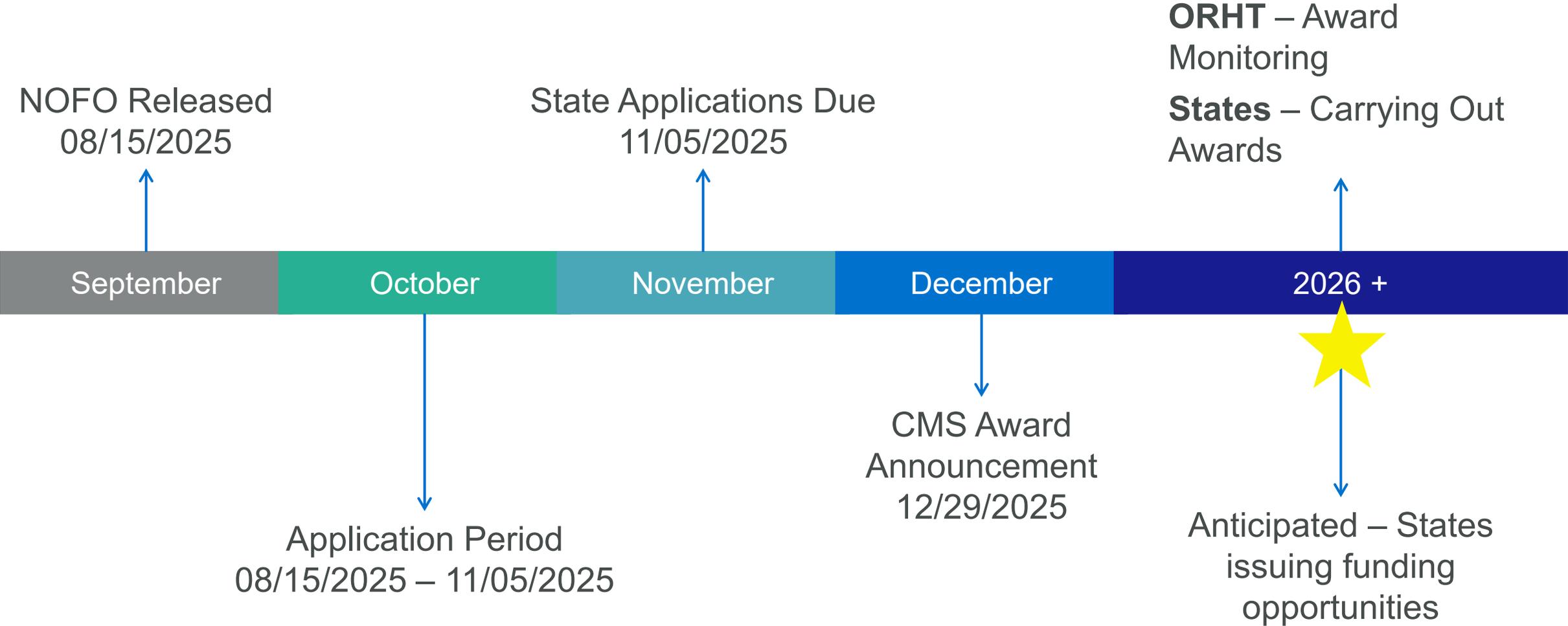
## Funding Breakdown



Funding amounts after the first year will be determined through annual compliance and performance reassessments by ORHT.

# Rural Health Transformation Plan Overview

## Current Status



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- CMS announced state allocations for 2026 on 12/29/25
- All 50 states awarding funding ranging from \$147,250,806 to \$281,319,361

<b>Enhance Technology Infrastructure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Included in over 100 initiatives</li><li>• Example<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alabama – Regional IT hubs to support Electric Health Record integration</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Expand Access to Care (Telehealth &amp; Digital Reach)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Included in over 45 initiatives</li><li>• Examples<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Colorado – Invest in telehealth, mobile health tools and monitoring, equipment, and shared data</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>Strengthen the Healthcare Workforce</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Included in over 35 initiatives</li><li>• Examples<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minnesota – Recruit and retain talent in rural communities</li></ul></li></ul>

Sources: [RHT Program State Project Abstracts](#) / [CMS Announces \\$50 Billion in Awards to Strengthen Rural Health in All 50 States](#)

# Rural Health Transformation Plan Overview

## Current Status – Top 10 Highest Awards

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<b>1. Texas</b> – \$281,319,361	<b>6. Kansas</b> – \$221,898,008
<b>2. Alaska</b> – \$272,174,856	<b>7. Georgia</b> – \$218,862,170
<b>3. California</b> – \$233,639,308	<b>8. Nebraska</b> – \$218,529,075
<b>4. Montana</b> – \$233,509,359	<b>9. Missouri</b> – \$216,276,818
<b>5. Oklahoma</b> – \$223,476,949	<b>10. North Carolina</b> – \$213,008,356

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Full List of Awards: [CMS Announces \\$50 Billion in Awards](#)

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## Program Benefits & Strategic Opportunities



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## Benefits

### Long-Term Financial Support

- \$10B annually
- Five-year funding horizon: Funding stability to sustain programs

### Flexibility of Funding

- Tailored to local needs
- Prioritize initiatives for states unique needs

### Technical Advancement

- Opportunities for technical advancement
- IT infrastructure, cyber and data security, and telehealth

# Program Benefits & Strategic Opportunities

## Strategic Opportunities



**Health Innovation & Access:** Advance innovative care by developing value-based models, optimizing rural health services, supporting provider payments, and promoting evidence-based prevention and chronic disease management.



**Behavioral Health Integration:** Broaden mental health and substance use support by integrating services with primary care and deploying mobile teams.



**Workforce Development:** Build and retain a skilled rural health workforce with targeted training and incentives to improve access to care.



**Technological Innovation:** Expand digital health, protect data, promote consumer tech, and support rural hospitals with advanced tools and training.



**Collaboration & Partnerships:** Foster partnerships to strengthen rural health initiatives and share resources for innovative care delivery.

# Program Benefits & Strategic Opportunities

## Strategic Opportunities – Actual State Data

Number of States With Initiatives in Each Category

Strategic Opportunity Category	Number of States
 Health Innovation & Access	23
 Behavioral Health Integration	11
 Workforce Development	20
 Technological Innovation	20
 Collaboration & Partnerships	6

Source: [RHT Program State Project Abstracts](#)

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## Compliance & Oversight



# Compliance & Oversight Overview



# Compliance & Oversight Reporting

## Quarterly & Annual Progress Reports

- Submit updates on plans, timelines, outcomes, and milestones
- Use measurable data to show progress

## Federal Financial Reports (SF-425)

- To be submitted annually or semiannually depending on the award terms
- Same form use for other federal awards

## FFATA Compliance

- Report details on your organization and first-tier subawards (\$40k or more)
- Additional reporting required when:
  - 80% of prior-year revenue is from federal awards
  - \$25M+ of annual federal revenue
  - Executive compensation information is not publicly available

# Compliance & Oversight

## Monitoring & Audits

### Monitoring

- ORHT to conduct monitoring reviews and site visits
- More information to be available after awards are announced
- **Tips:**
  - Update policies and procedures to align with RHTP requirements
  - Maintain documentation that shows measurable progress

### Audits

- Subject to 2 CFR 200 Subpart F
- Single Audit required when receiving \$1M+ of federal funds annually
- **Tips:**
  - Maintain audit ready documentation
  - Train staff to assist during the auditing process

# Compliance & Oversight

## Federal Guidance

The Health and Human Services (HHS) replaced the agency-specific grant related regulations in 45 CFR 75 with Uniform Guidance ([2 CFR 200](#)) and condensed HHS specific requirements in the new [2 CFR 300](#).

### Impact

- **Consistency** – Aligns HHS guidance with governmentwide Uniform Guidance
- **Simplification** – Reduces administrative burden
- **Flexibility** – Higher thresholds and streamlined procurement rules
- **Clarity** – HHS-specific requirements found in 2 CFR 300

### Action

- Update policies and procedures
- Train staff on changes

# Compliance & Oversight

## Federal Guidance – 2 CFR 300

### New Condensed 2 CFR 300 HHS-Specific Requirements

#### Financial Management Standards

- Maintain effective internal controls
- Track accurate, complete financial data
- Confirm funds are used only for authorized purposes

#### Prior-Approval Requirements

- Budget revisions
- Equipment purchases above threshold
- Key personnel changes

#### Reporting and Audit Provisions

- Submit performance and financial reports
- Single Audit for entities expending \$1,000,000+ annually

#### Subrecipient Monitoring

- Evaluate risk of noncompliance
- Provide clear subaward conditions
- Actively monitor activities

#### Special Conditions for High-Risk Recipients

- Additional requirements for poor performance or noncompliance

# Compliance & Oversight

## Best Practices



**Update Grants Management Policies & Procedures**



**Develop a Grants Compliance Matrix**



**Maintain Accurate Records**



**Review RHTP Regulations, Guidance, & Award Agreements**



**Stay Informed on Updates**



**Focus on Measurable Outcomes & Financial Transparency**

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## Preparing for Funding



# Preparing for Funding While You Wait ...

Prepare Program Data

Compile Key Documents

Assess Current Status

Develop Smart Goals

Work on Strategic Partnerships

# Preparing for Funding

## Tips & Tricks

### Watch for NOFOs

- Register with your state's grant/funding sites
- Subscribe to update emails

### The “So What” Test

- Use on desired initiatives
- Answers why the initiative is needed

### Define Roles & Responsibilities

- Plan who is responsible for what when applications open

# Thank you!

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