

Telecommunications solutions funding help is available



Utilize the federal Rural Health Care Program and choose Spectrum Enterprise as your provider

High-quality connectivity solutions are a necessity in healthcare today. To send large imaging files, support applications like telehealth or the demands of interoperability, rural healthcare providers need high-speed, reliable and low latency telecommunications services.

Knowing how critical these services are to delivering quality care and improving patient outcomes in rural and underserved communities and the difficulty in funding technology enhancements, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) developed the Rural Health Care (RHC) Program. The program offers significant funding assistance for a variety of expenses for broadband connectivity through the Healthcare Connect Fund.

Healthcare Connect Fund: Provides up to a 65 percent discount on broadband services. Encourages the formation of broadband healthcare provider networks that expand access to rural and underserved communities.

Eligible Services Broadband services/network equipment. Typically any advanced telecommunications or information services that enable healthcare providers to post their own data, interact with stored data, generate new data or communicate, by providing connectivity over private dedicated networks or the public internet for the provision of health information technology.

Participant Eligibility The following rural, not-for-profit or public entities are eligible:

- Hospitals.
- Community health centers or health centers providing healthcare to migrants.
- Rural health clinics.
- Local health departments or agencies.
- Community mental health centers.
- Skilled nursing facilities.
- Post-secondary educational institutions offering healthcare instruction, such as teaching hospitals or medical schools.
- Dedicated emergency departments of rural for-profit hospitals.
- Consortia of eligible rural and non-rural public/nonprofit healthcare providers.

Applying for funding doesn't have to be difficult. There are various consortiums, non-profits and consultant groups that advise on determining eligibility, filing applications and choosing service providers. Don't miss the opportunity to take advantage of upwards of \$600 million in federal funding.

Ready to get started? Read the Spectrum Enterprise "[Navigating the FCC Rural Health Care Program](#)" guide for step-by-step assistance about how to apply.

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