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Northern Border Regional Commission Announces Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for 2022 Rural Northern Border Regional Healthcare Support Program

On May 25, the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) announced that health care providers and organizations across Northern New England and New York are now able to apply for grant funds from the agency's partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The partnership will award \$1.8 million in federal funds through the Rural Northern Border Region Healthcare Support Program.

This program will provide support to rural counties in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York in their efforts to increase access to health care, including behavioral health services, recruitment and retention of health care providers and assist rural hospitals and clinics in their efforts to take part in health care value efforts. The one award recipient funded through this program will provide technical assistance in eligible HRSA designated rural counties or rural census tracts within the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) service area.

Eligible applicants include domestic public or private, non-profit and for-profit organizations, including tribes and tribal organizations, and faith-based and community-based organizations. Eligible applicants may be located in a rural or urban area. Eligible applicants are required to have at least one partner with experience working on health care issues in the NBRC region.

"This partnership strives to ensure that our rural hospitals and health care practices are as financially strong as possible. Access to quality health care is an essential component of a vibrant rural economy and NBRC's partnership with HHS will strengthen the health care network across the Northern Border Region," said NBRC Federal Co-Chair Chris Saunders.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY22 Rural Northern Border Region Healthcare Support Program can be viewed here:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=hrsa-22-166>

Applicants can begin the Rural Northern Border Region Healthcare Support Program application process on Grants.gov and apply by **Friday, July 1, 2022 at 11:59 PM, ET**.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Maribel Nunez: MNunez@hrsa.gov or 301-443-0466.

About the Northern Border Regional Commission (www.nbrc.gov)

Created in 2008, the Northern Border Regional Commission is a federal-state partnership whose mission is to help alleviate economic distress and encourage private sector job creation in Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. In its thirteen-year history, including these new awards, the commission has awarded 331 grants, amounting to more than \$90.6 million in direct investment and \$296 million in additional leveraged investments, across the four states through its primary State Economic & Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant program and other special initiatives.