

Community Partners,

Empire Health Foundation is proud to partner with Premera on the announcement of the **Washington State Rural Facilities Capital Grants Partnership Fund**. The Fund is intended to support the advancement of quality healthcare in under-resourced communities by making grants to hospitals, outpatient clinics, and other healthcare providers in rural areas of Washington State. Grants will support equipment and small capital projects that rural healthcare facilities may have difficulty funding due to capital constraints. Investments in the infrastructure of rural clinics can contribute to increased access to services for patients by adding new technology or equipment that may have been previously unavailable. Improvements to health facilities and equipment also have a proven positive impact on physician retention and recruitment.

The **Rural Facilities Capital Grants Partnership Fund** is designed to address one-time capital needs in rural Washington State.

Eligible Organizations are defined as Critical Access Hospitals, Sole Community Hospitals, Community Health Centers, Tribal Clinics and Hospitals, Rural Health Centers, and Outpatient Clinics in Rural Areas.

Rural Areas are defined as areas outside of urbanized areas that meet eligibility standards set by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. An organization can determine its eligibility through the [Am I Rural?](#) tool, which is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Eligible Projects are defined as short-term capital projects, including the purchase or upgrade of medical or dental equipment and technology, building renovations and restorations, furnishings, and appliances.

Grant Awards will be for \$25,000 up to \$100,000.

Online Applications

Online applications for the current cycle are available at empirehealthgrants.fluidreview.com and on our website. Click [here](#) to visit our grants page for additional information.

Proposer's Support and Technical Assistance

Empire Health Foundation will provide technical assistance to guide you in the completion of your application. Please email Jeri Rathbun at jeri@empirehealthfoundation.org or call 509-919-3047.

Applications will be evaluated on criteria including, but not limited to: the organization's track record, fiscal management and capacity, active board and experienced staff, the facility's level of financial need, sources of financial support, and the project's benefit to the organization and community that it serves. Preference will be given to projects that improve the quality of health care delivery as demonstrated by evidence-based research.

An Eligible Organization may receive multiple grants. However, each individual site of service of an Eligible Organization will be eligible for only one grant from the Fund.

Grants will not be considered for projects associated with core government functions, such as roads, utilities, and public safety; K-10 education; arts programming; general operations, including administrative, indirect, or overhead costs; deficits or debt reduction; endowments; scholarships; fund-raising events or sponsorships; or reimbursement for items already purchased.

Sincerely,
Empire Health Foundation, Premera Blue Cross & Philanthropy in Action*

** Philanthropy in Action (PIA) is a 501c3 nonprofit that is managing the funds for the partnership between Empire Health Foundation (EHF) and Premera. PIA is managing the funds for this project because EHF is a regional organization, whereas PIA serves the entirety of Washington state in health and human services.*