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[EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMzgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmVwYS5nb3YvaW5mbGF0aW9uLXJlZHVjdGlvbi1hY3QvaW5mbGF0aW9uLXJlZHVjdGlvbi1hY3QtY29tbXVuaXR5LWNoYW5nZS1ncmFudHMtcHJvZ3JhbSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDEwMzEuMjY3NzE0MSJ9.XaDT82xrFbpEWvepTeiIOM9EyPO1ZlEIF_3WiJuLCkk%2Fs%2F1823549831%2Fbr%2F252074677868-l&data=05%7C02%7Cmelissa.smith%40caloes.ca.gov%7C2f873f27efc542e7f8f208dcf9a340d3%7Cebf268ae303647149f69c9fd0e9dc6b9%7C1%7C0%7C638659726824276023%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Fnkuyrn0VJ7kVlKh91qGWyJqjNv8I9Qtu%2FbOq1sUUGo%3D&reserved=0)

EPA’s new Community Change Grants program announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for approximately $2 billion in [Inflation Reduction Act](https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act) (IRA) funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on community-driven initiatives to be responsive to community and stakeholder input.

* Open until **November 21, 2024**

[Department of Health Care and Access Information: Small and Rural Hospital Relief Program](https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/small-and-rural-hospital-relief-program/)

The California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) has launched the Small and Rural Hospital Relief Program (SRHRP) to provide grant funding to assist small and rural hospitals meet seismic compliance. The SRHRP supports qualified small, rural, and Critical Access hospitals by providing funding and technical assistance to help meet seismic safety standards and preserve access to general acute care for the communities they serve.

Program applicants will be required to have current seismic compliance plans and agreed-upon project delivery plans on file with HCAI’s Seismic Compliance Unit prior to acceptance of funding package applications.

* Eligible Geographies include hospitals with a Rural or Frontier designation in the Medical Service Study Area and/or Critical Access hospitals with this designation from Centers for Medicaid and Medicare
* This grant is currently active and ongoing.

[Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP): Launch Ready and Round 2 (2025): Unmet Needs​](https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/grantees/bond-bhcip-rounds/)

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) launched the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) to address historic gaps in the behavioral health care continuum and meet the growing demand for services and support across the life span of vulnerable individuals in need. This Program Update reflects the addition of the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024.

* Bond BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs RFA is expected to be released in May 2025 for up to $1.1 billion in funding, with all funds awarded by 2026.

**Events \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_**

[Save the Date: HRSA Virtual Job Fair for Rural Communities](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vYmh3Lmhyc2EuZ292L2pvYi1zZWFyY2gvYXR0ZW5kLXZpcnR1YWwtam9iLWZhaXIiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQxMDI0LjIzNDMyNTEifQ.f0gOuVhPON6t16exPwLVMN0lZKLKOS4PZRNUAqvWFxE%2Fs%2F1823549831%2Fbr%2F251604449337-l&data=05%7C02%7Cmelissa.smith%40caloes.ca.gov%7C3e30055002e34a35716b08dcf4239a0a%7Cebf268ae303647149f69c9fd0e9dc6b9%7C1%7C0%7C638653681040765065%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=fe75Vw1Ct%2BxU7kV%2F23K6K3kOULtMb1Wb9RpAxV4C8K4%3D&reserved=0)

Hospital Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Health Workforce will hold free, online job fair events to connect primary care trainees and practicing clinicians with health care facilities with job openingsunderserved areas and/or operating a main training site at which the majority of patients are Medi-Cal recipients.

**Upcoming Dates:**

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* Wednesday, February 26, 2025
* Wednesday, April 30, 2025
* Wednesday, August 6, 2025
* Wednesday, September 24, 2025
* Wednesday, November 19, 2025 (to align with National Rural Health Day)

**Training Resources\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

[Waste Water Treatment Training for Rural, Small, Tribal Municipalities](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356501)

The Environmental Protection Agency is soliciting applications to provide training and technical assistance for Rural, Small and Tribal Municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Systems for Clean Water Act Prevention, Reduction, and Elimination of Pollution.

[U.S. EPA | Assistance Listing Description](https://sam.gov/fal/f88675bfacdf4079a8c2af86c6ca80e4/view)

Applications accepted for 1 of 4 Priority Areas:

1. Acquisition/funding
2. Water Quality and Compliance
3. Tribal
4. Decentralized Systems

* Applications due Date: **November 25, 2024**

**Informational Resources\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

[Health Resources and Services Administration: Getting Started with Telehealth](https://telehealth.hhs.gov/providers/getting-started)   
  
In recent years there has been a rapid rise in telehealth. Health care providers are using telehealth to meet their patients' needs. Telehealth allows you to provide health care fora patient when you are not in the same location. This Getting Started with Telehealth guidance helps to navigate types of telehealth, integrate telehealth practices, understand telehealth technology options, and find a telehealth vendor.

[Building a Sustainable Rural Health Workforce](https://www.ruralcenter.org/sites/default/files/2024-09/Building%20a%20Sustainable%20Rural%20Health%20Workforce%20FINAL%20DRAFT.pdf)

**[Health & Social Services](https://www.ruralcenter.org/sites/default/files/2024-09/Building%20a%20Sustainable%20Rural%20Health%20Workforce%20FINAL%20DRAFT.pdf)**

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The alternative strategies and recommendations outlined in this report address rural health workforce challenges prevalent throughout the country. The report also profiles successful rural workforce that can be scaled and distributed to a larger audience. The strategies in this report – centered on new workforces, partnerships and networks, technology, and education – serve as a guide to help rural health organizations and state program partners to build and grow a sustainable and successful health care workforce in rural America.

[Compendium of Best Practices for Rural Age-Friendly Care](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMjEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnJ1cmFsaGVhbHRoLnVzL2Jsb2dzLzIwMjQvMTAvbnJoYS1yZWxlYXNlcy0yMDI0LWNvbXBlbmRpdW0tb2YtYmVzdC1wcmFjdGljZXMtZm9yLXJ1cmFsLWFnZS1mcmllbmRseS1jYXJlIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDI0MTAzMS4yNjc3MTQxIn0.TVFy8VjHxrBlUBLxD0nzZHoa1UY6q9EMcnwQAdILYpE%2Fs%2F1823549831%2Fbr%2F252074677868-l&data=05%7C02%7Cmelissa.smith%40caloes.ca.gov%7C2f873f27efc542e7f8f208dcf9a340d3%7Cebf268ae303647149f69c9fd0e9dc6b9%7C1%7C0%7C638659726823965072%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Mf0EKCZVO7RhyBp3cwC3iRLZLqPx%2BVVLvra2WFGSGWg%3D&reserved=0)

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) and The John A. Hartford Foundation (JAHF) have joined together to develop resources, partnerships, and strategies to build age-friendly care for the one in five older adults living in rural geographies.

NRHA aims to achieve these goals through four approaches: convenings, communications, educational activities, and community health worker trainings. While we recognize rural specific challenges, the diversity, innovation, and resilience of rural communities can be leveraged to improve care and quality of life for older adults who choose to call rural home.

* [The National Rural Age-Friendly Initiative](https://nrha-prod-eastus-fe.azure.silvertech.net/programs/center-for-rural-public-population-health/national-rural-age-friendly-initiative)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Rural Public Health Strategic Plan FY 24-29](https://www.cdc.gov/rural-health/media/pdfs/2024/08/cdc-rural-public-health-strategic-plan-8-29-24-508-final.pdf)

In 2023, CDC established the Office of Rural Health (ORH) to advance rural public health and lead the development of CDC’s Rural Public Health Strategic Plan. This document summarizes the agency’s rural public health strategy including the structure and role of ORH. The rural strategic plan defines actionable steps CDC can take to collaborate across the agency and with external and federal partners to improve and advance rural public health.

**Learning Events and Technical Resources\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

[Rural Chronic Disease Toolkit](https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/toolkits/chronic-disease)

The Rural Chronic Disease Management Toolkit compiles evidence-based models and resources to support the implementation of chronic disease management programs in rural communities across the United States.

[WEBINAR | Rural Chronic Disease Management Toolkit](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flnks.gd%2Fl%2FeyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMTcsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnJ1cmFsaGVhbHRoaW5mby5vcmcvd2ViaW5hcnMvY2hyb25pYy1kaXNlYXNlLXRvb2xraXQiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQxMDMxLjI2NzcxNDEifQ.YTuV0LnoxYl3qvmG_vtTzvJ3JkBGLFAJ3toNDimhf5w%2Fs%2F1823549831%2Fbr%2F252074677868-l&data=05%7C02%7Cmelissa.smith%40caloes.ca.gov%7C2f873f27efc542e7f8f208dcf9a340d3%7Cebf268ae303647149f69c9fd0e9dc6b9%7C1%7C0%7C638659726823896667%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=dKBnB2FIY0bseVa5YWUD4ZGhuSc5Z%2BYBctWqkP8aubE%3D&reserved=0)

The Rural Health Information Hub (RHIhub) brings in experts to discuss a new resource for rural communities and organizations looking to develop and implement chronic disease management programs.

This webinar will provide an overview of approaches for managing chronic diseases in rural populations. It will feature existing programs that have successfully provided rural chronic disease management and discusses lessons learned related to establishing and sustaining rural programs.

* Thursday, November 7, 2024
* 11:00am Pacific, 12:00pm Mountain, 1:00pm Central, 2:00pm Eastern

[MGT-488: Pandemic Planning Emergency Management and Public Health Coordination](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fxrsuubbbb.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001mfViO_48fKcusf5c6en8pZ3UIEJwqX1BWvdbYwH4gg38rYk_PnX8_1E7IgErPqucFsI5rR1oeQANUIRp4YJyKA26oSZ6-l7Lsow_UWDQd_LD3X-Fb49M2RGasSdohLZncxniKxL-H-lPO9nwenpQzUz0bAiOeZhQK5aaOZldkqmiFd-Oi8CaI7rhzw0uRm1FzdduMWxIZ5oWTtTXfKiYDSEnTwaaLstADrn9ZooNN9gd82a7obzTv2O0J73dj6KcwSD6Ldh5NDA2Jw96mMdpTQ%3D%3D%26c%3DBrdMVmeBpWShPFaZpIiezuYcjbtWtMuXIUzv63jtHtxUejya1SJc8g%3D%3D%26ch%3DI8n2ahidN6qkazjcQ2vq41263yga6F72qEur3-LZfwJDQ4AmVQR2_g%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmelissa.smith%40caloes.ca.gov%7Cffcb2f4758c4474e0be908dcf9168419%7Cebf268ae303647149f69c9fd0e9dc6b9%7C1%7C0%7C638659122336932125%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=rDHdGG487Zq79gx3LHyqbDle0GYPj7ciVQFYSwKdu%2Bo%3D&reserved=0)

This management level, instructor-led training will provide participants with an understanding of how emergency management and public health/medical agencies can coordinate during pandemics and other public health emergencies. The course will review the roles and responsibilities of state, local, federal, nongovernment, and private sector entities during pandemics. An overview of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) will also be provided. The goal of the course is to provide participants with ways to increase coordination between agencies so that they are more prepared during a public health emergency.

* Tuesday, **November 12th, 2024** (Virtual Option)
* 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM (MT)

[PER-419: Understanding Climate Change and Social Vulnerability for Disaster Management](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fxrsuubbbb.cc.rs6.net%2Ftn.jsp%3Ff%3D001mfViO_48fKcusf5c6en8pZ3UIEJwqX1BWvdbYwH4gg38rYk_PnX8_5Yq7i27-ce7bOiAUoi3Mah1HtFRoGlQ7cPzi_8Q0n4RkoSkxuomgOLvBpoUgAjsQbd91lWKWFOJk8zqK4WFP5mJnyetRzsUyCaXpMNSlF40-Nn7aG4ObH27SI1jJsQZENO-MS5kY0yQUDzglICnkocE1xxhlkpjJElU49xz5zsjqkpeaDjOys3fUrTfEaDI-TsgykEmmPoq%26c%3DBrdMVmeBpWShPFaZpIiezuYcjbtWtMuXIUzv63jtHtxUejya1SJc8g%3D%3D%26ch%3DI8n2ahidN6qkazjcQ2vq41263yga6F72qEur3-LZfwJDQ4AmVQR2_g%3D%3D&data=05%7C02%7Cmelissa.smith%40caloes.ca.gov%7Cffcb2f4758c4474e0be908dcf9168419%7Cebf268ae303647149f69c9fd0e9dc6b9%7C1%7C0%7C638659122336899190%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JKXLk5WgsP%2F0Y30T9NQaFu4uGwy4g7P623xCkMMgwCM%3D&reserved=0)

This performance-level, live virtual training will provide participants with an overview of climate change and its impact on disaster management and vulnerable populations. This course will review available tools, such as the Climate

and Economic Justice Screening Tool and discuss how to incorporate them into emergency plans. Participants will also learn how to incorporate equity in emergency planning.

The course will review case studies of previous disasters and look at best practices from these events. The course is for emergency managers, along with stakeholders involved in

emergency preparedness, climate, and equity. The course is designed to include the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial (SLTT) emergency management and first responder communities to ensure attendees have access to key resources and planning tools on climate change and equity issues.

* **Part 1: February 25th, 2025**
* **Part 2: February 26th, 2025**
* 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Central Time (7:00 AM to 11:00 AM Pacific) both days (Virtual Only)