

# Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)

## *What is the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)?*

RCORP is the only opioid prevention and treatment program exclusively targeted to rural populations. It is a multi-year initiative aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD), in high risk rural areas. Funding is used to help rural communities in planning and implementation efforts related to medication assisted treatment, neonatal abstinence syndrome, psychostimulant support, overdose response, and child, adolescent, and adult behavioral health support.

## *RCORP Program Goals*

- **Service delivery:** Establish new and/or significantly expand SUD treatment and recovery service lines in targeted rural service areas.
- **Workforce:** Develop a responsive SUD workforce through activities related to recruiting, hiring, training, and retention in targeted rural service areas.
- **Supportive services:** Establish and/or enhance coordination with supportive social services to ensure that rural individuals and families impacted by SUD have the greatest opportunity possible for sustained, long-term recovery.
- **Sustainability:** Develop innovative, multi-sectoral approaches through networks of entities to ensure the continued availability of RCORP supported services after grant funding ends.

## By the Numbers

**\$145 million**

appropriated for grantees that improve access to treatment and recovery services for SUD and OUD in FY 2024.

**1.2 more waived clinicians**

per 100,000 population available to prescribe buprenorphine (a medication for OUD) in RCORP-supported rural counties in 2017.

**57.5 more treatment slots**

per 100,000 population in RCORP counties compared to non-RCORP counties in 2017.

**over 1,900 rural communities**

47 states and 2 territories have been supported by the RCORP initiative in FY 2024.

The RCORP portfolio of grants are in the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy at HRSA.  
Learn more about RCORP initiatives.

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