

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 (MAT), 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

\$19.2 million

awarded to 58 grantees to improve access to treatment and recovery services for substance use disorder and opioid use disorder in FY2025.

970 unique rural counties

in 47 states and 2 territories have been supported by RCORP.

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.

In FY 2024:

- **934,000 individuals** were screened for SUD, and **1.3 million individuals** received prevention, treatment, and recovery services through RCORP.
- **89%** of awardees operate at least one delivery site offering **MAT services**.
- 42% of awardees established or expanded treatment services, and **70% expanded recovery services** as a direct result of RCORP funding.
- Awardees hired **434 behavioral health and substance use disorder providers**

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

Learn more about RCORP initiatives.

For more information about funding in your state/district contact advocacy@ruralhealth.us