



## Federal Start-Up Funding and Technical Assistance to Grow Rural Graduate Medical Education

Only **two percent** of residency training occurs in rural areas. Physicians trained in rural areas tend to stay and practice there after residency.<sup>1</sup>

RRPD OUTCOMES AS OF JULY 2025: <sup>2,3</sup>



**62**  
new accredited rural  
residency programs



Received approval for  
**752**  
new rural  
residency positions



**54**  
programs recruited  
trainees in 2025



**495**  
residents in training in  
rural clinical settings

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## RURAL RESIDENCY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Rural Residency Planning and Development Program (RRPD) provides start-up grants (up to \$750,000 per grant) to establish new residency programs and funds a technical assistance center to support development via consultations, advising, education, and community learning.<sup>2</sup>

In 2019, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) funded the first cohort of RRPD awards. Since then, HRSA awarded almost **\$77 million through 103 grants to organizations in 36 states and 1 territory and six medicine disciplines** (family medicine, internal medicine, preventive medicine, psychiatry, general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology).<sup>2</sup>

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