

North Carolina Health Information Technology/Telehealth Program
2024 Profile (Data from State Fiscal Year 2024)

Program Facts

123

ORH grantees Connected to NC HealthConnex

72%

ORH grantees utilizing Telehealth applications

\$10M

Direct Appropriations from General Assembly for Virtual Behavioral Health

7

Hospitals awarded Virtual Behavioral Health Grants

16

Community Paramedicine, NC Cooperative Extension and other health educator pilot sites for program funded by ODO

11

Presentations and meetings with state & local EMS and rural health centers on topics related to Community Paramedicine, including telehealth

Overview:

Since 2017, the Health Information Technology/Telehealth (HITT) program at the Office of Rural Health (ORH) promotes, supports, and assists ORH grantees and safety net partners with the use of health information technology and telehealth to enhance healthcare access and delivery statewide.

Telehealth Infrastructure Grant Program:

In Session Law 2023-134, the North Carolina General Assembly appropriated \$5 million in SFY 2024 and \$15 million in SFY 2025 to provide competitive grants to rural healthcare providers for telehealth-related items.

HITT Initiatives



The Telehealth Infrastructure Grant (TIG) Program provides critical funding to enhance telehealth services across North Carolina. With support from the NC General Assembly, this initiative helps healthcare organizations expand telehealth capabilities by funding essential equipment, high-speed internet access, provider and patient training, and infrastructure improvements.



The N.C. General Assembly appropriated State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) in Session Law 2021-180 to create the competitive Virtual Behavioral Health Services Grant Program. The aim of this funding is to expand telepsychiatry capacities to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency.



Through the NC Department of Information Technology's Office of Digital Opportunity, funding offered via the NC Digital Equity Act, HITT is implementing a rural community-centered digital capacity program to promote digital skills and knowledge of health language to reduce healthcare delivery gaps in communities.

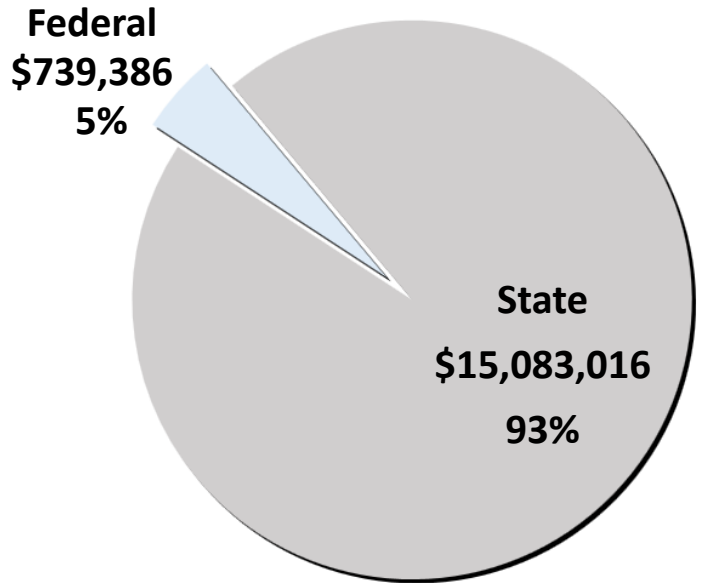
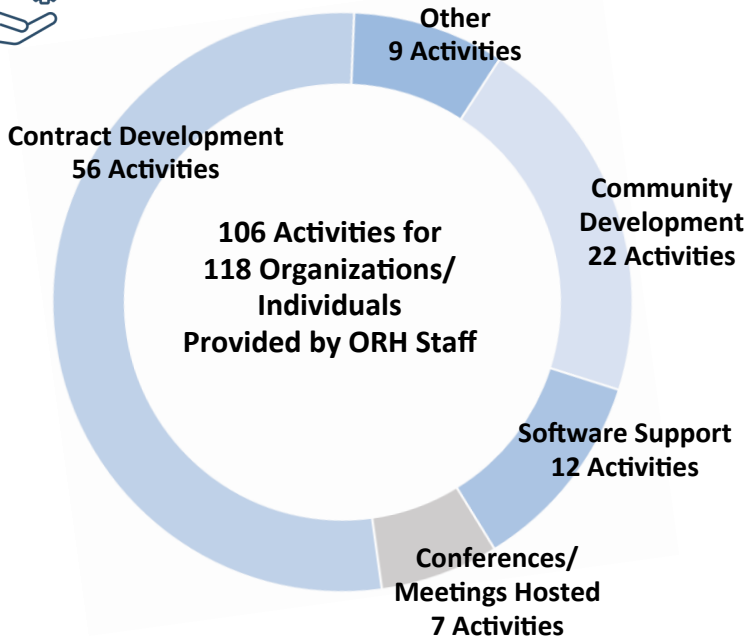
COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE
HITT has promoted the use of skilled Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals beyond their normal their normal emergency response and transport roles to serve as an extension of primary care delivery for medically underserved populations.



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Technical Assistance

Total Program Funding

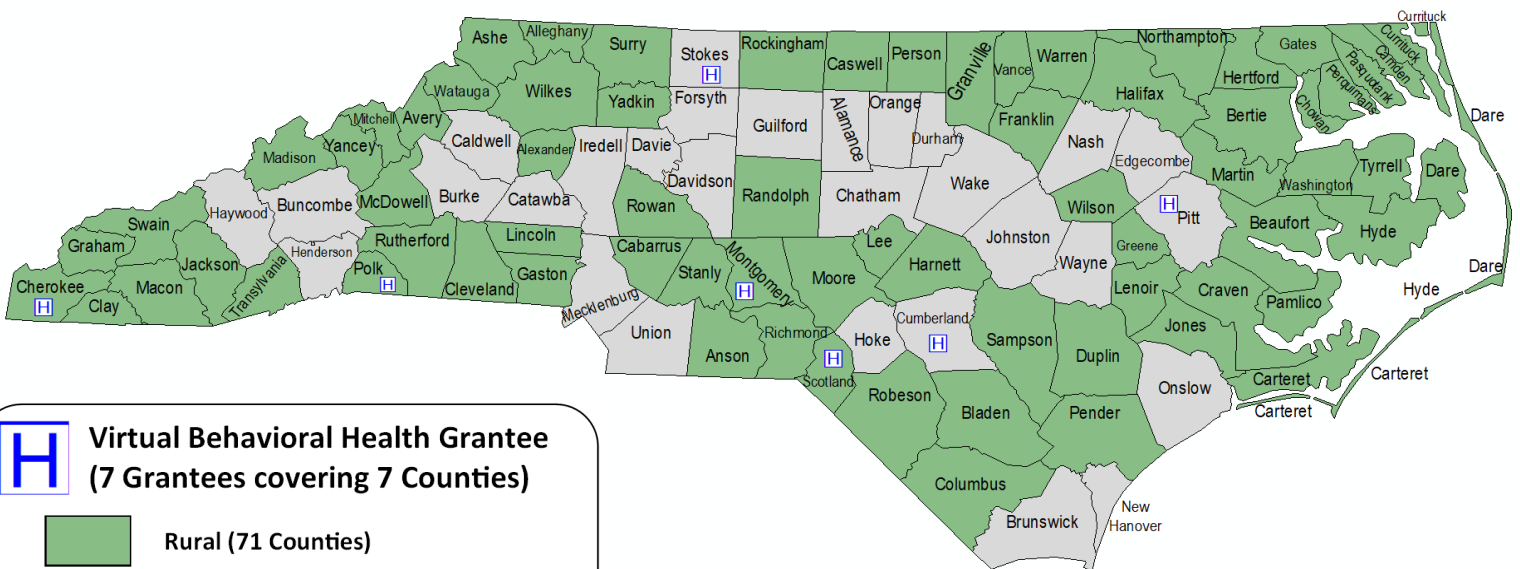


Program Reach

7 Grantees

7 Counties with grantees

4 Rural Counties with grantees



Virtual Behavioral Health Grantee (7 Grantees covering 7 Counties)

- Rural (71 Counties)
Urban (29 Counties)

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