



North Carolina Office of Rural Health

2023 Profile (Data from State Fiscal Year 2023 and current as of 6/30/2023)

Grant Facts

\$66.8M

Available grant funding
(federal, state,
philanthropic)

\$25.4M

Special Appropriations
funding

274

Jobs (full-time and
part-time)
supported in local
communities

438

Contracts to support
communities

Direct Services

426,175

Patients served

85%

Of ORH funding is spent
directly on communities

\$89.80

Average annual
contribution by ORH per
patient



71%

Patients with
well controlled
diabetes, as
evidenced by
A1c levels \leq 9



66%

Patients with
well controlled
hypertension, as
evidenced by
blood pressure
levels \leq 140/90



60%

Patients screened
for obesity through
Body Mass Index
(BMI) testing



70%

Patients screened
for tobacco
cessation and
treatment

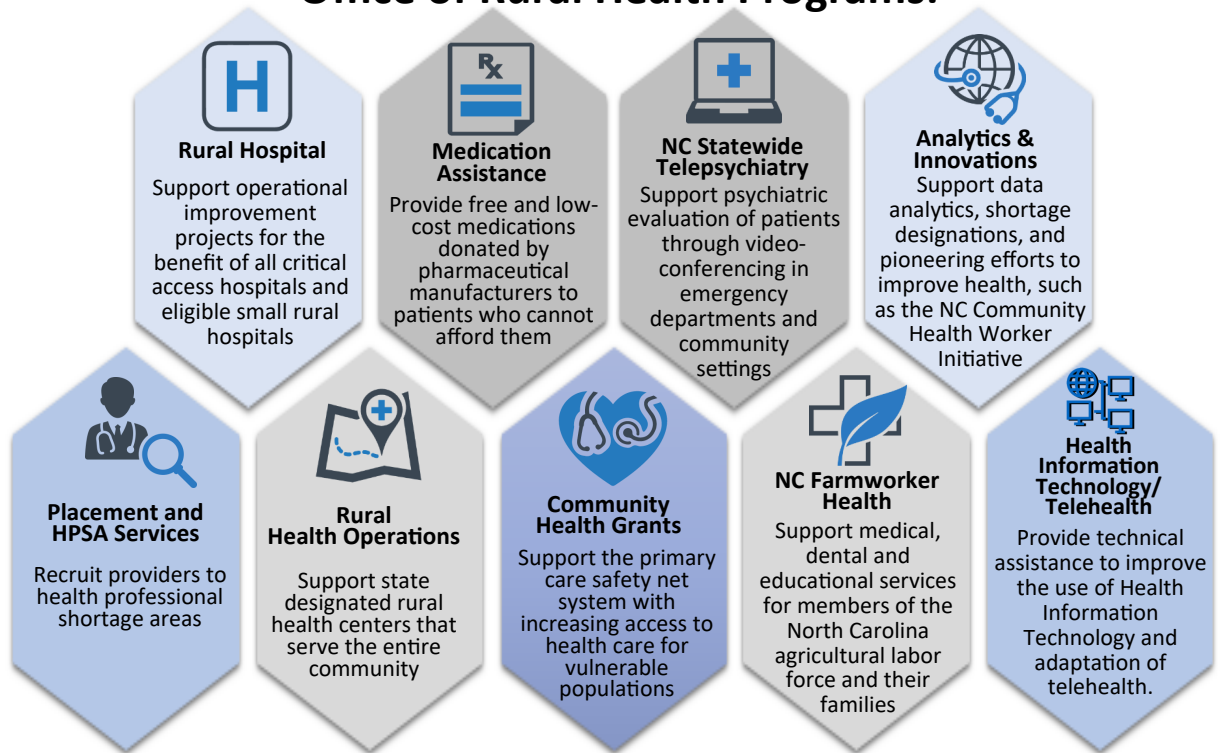
Overview

In 1973, the North Carolina Office of Rural Health (ORH) became the first State Office of Rural Health in the Nation. Created to focus on the needs of rural and underserved communities, ORH continues to empower communities and populations by developing strategies to improve quality and cost-effectiveness of health care for all. While ORH does not provide direct care, its programs support numerous health care safety net organizations throughout the state. Continued support and recurring funding for ORH strengthened North Carolina's health care safety net infrastructure to ensure that all of the state's medically vulnerable residents (Uninsured, Underinsured, Medicare and Medicaid) have access to affordable and appropriate high quality primary care. It is a conservative estimate that the State's primary care safety net system serves 973,000 vulnerable, uninsured residents in 2022 (American Community Survey, US Census Bureau).

Special Appropriations

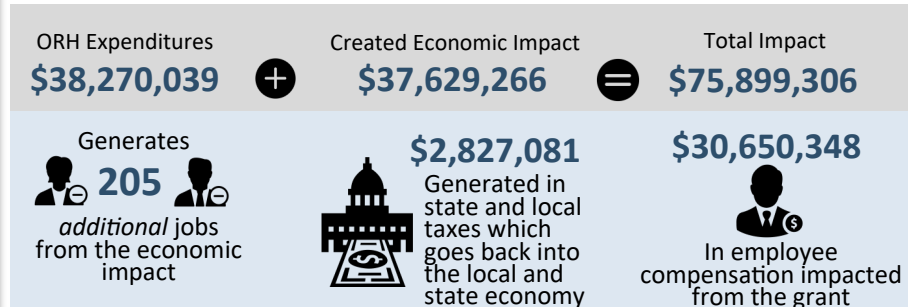
In SFY 2023, ORH was directed to administer \$25.4 million in special appropriations from the NC General Assembly to disperse funds for specific projects or specific health care organizations in North Carolina.

Office of Rural Health Programs:



Return On Investment and Economic Impact

Source: IMPLAN



Each ORH grant dollar has a total economic impact of

\$1.98



*Economic impact is estimated to be much greater because improved health outcomes can lead to fewer missed work days, reduced health care costs, and reduced premature morbidity and mortality. Some expenses such as out of state purchases, overhead, and rollover payments are not captured for ROI and economic impact.



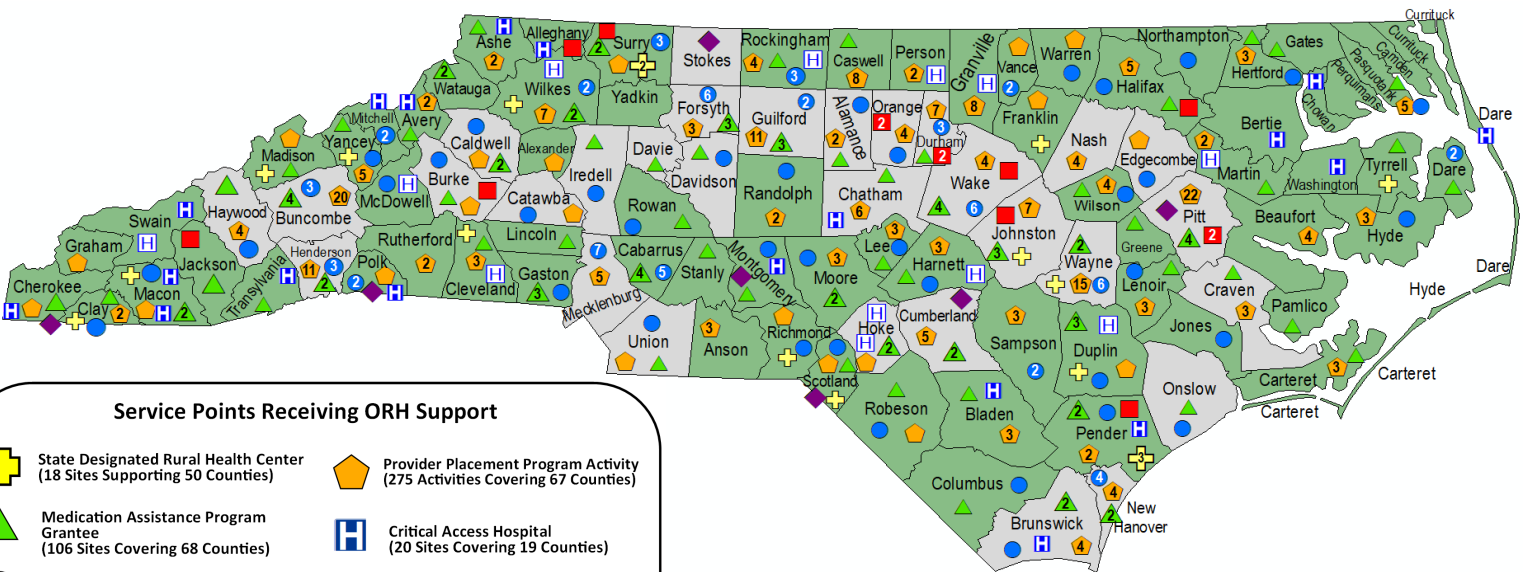
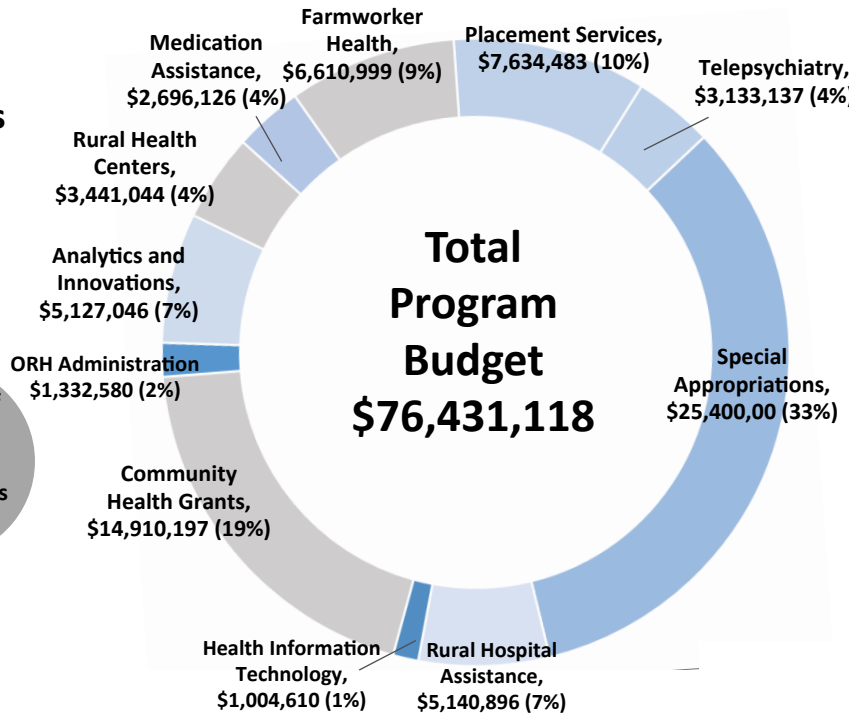
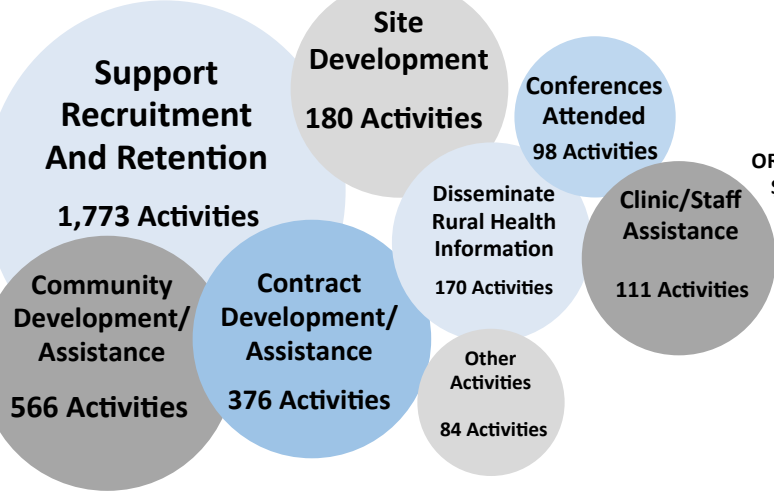


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Technical Assistance
3,340 Activities for
764 organizations/individuals
Provided by ORH Staff



Service Points Receiving ORH Support

- State Designated Rural Health Center (18 Sites Supporting 50 Counties)
- Medication Assistance Program Grantee (106 Sites Covering 68 Counties)
- Community Health Grantee (105 Grantees Supporting 94 Counties)
- Farmworker Health Grantee (14 Grantees Supporting 67 Counties)
- Virtual Behavioral Health Grantee (7 Grantees Covering 7 Counties)
- Provider Placement Program Activity (275 Activities Covering 67 Counties)
- Critical Access Hospital (20 Sites Covering 19 Counties)
- Small Rural Hospital (12 Sites Covering 11 Counties)
- Rural County (70 Counties)
- Urban County (30 Counties)

*Numbers inside of symbols indicate number of sites, grantees, or placements, based on symbol



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