

**North Carolina Statewide Telehealth  
Infrastructure Program**

**Session Law 2023-134, Section 9B.7A.(c)**



**Report to the  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and  
Human Services  
and  
Fiscal Research Division  
by the  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services**

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## Executive Summary

SECTION 9B.7A.(b) of Session Law 2023-134 requires the Office of Rural Health (ORH) to establish a telehealth infrastructure grant program to award grants on a competitive basis to rural healthcare providers to be used to purchase equipment, high-speed internet access, and any other infrastructure necessary to establish telehealth services, defined as the use of two-way, real-time interactive audio and video where the healthcare provider and the patient can hear and see each other. In awarding grants under this program, the ORH is subject to the following requirements and limitations:

- (1) Priority shall be given to independent primary care practices and independent obstetrics and gynecology practices.
- (2) The maximum amount of a grant award is two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) per grantee.

FUNDS FOR TELEHEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM SECTION 9B.7A.(a). Of the funds appropriated in this act from the ARPA Temporary Savings Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Central Management and Support, Office of Rural Health (ORH), the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2024-2025 fiscal year shall be allocated for the telehealth infrastructure grant program authorized by subsection (b) of this section.

During SFY 2024, ORH created infrastructure to address this funding through establishing 2.0 FTE positions and developing the Request for Applications (RFA). To facilitate the execution of the funding, ORH completed an RFA process and posted the funding opportunity in September 2024. Because no funds were expended in SFY 2024, both fiscal years' funding was made available through the RFA. The RFA closed on October 29, 2024, with awards announced on November 4, 2024. ORH opened a second round of this RFA on November 12, 2024, to make remaining funds available for applicants who were unable to participate in the first RFA. The RFA closes on January 31, 2025, with awards anticipated to be announced in March 2025. Depending on the response, ORH may post additional RFAs until the entire funding amount is obligated.

SECTION 9B.7A.(c) further instructs ORH to submit reports as follows: By April 1, 2024, and by April 1, 2025, ORH shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on the grants awarded under this section. The report shall include at least all of the following information:

- (1) A list of grant recipients.
- (2) The total amount of grant funds awarded to each recipient.

The following is a list of grant recipients, primary counties served, and award amounts for the first wave of applications.

Applicant Name	Primary County	Amount Awarded
Appalachian Mountain Community Health Centers	Cherokee	\$250,000
ARC Family Medicine DBA Avance Care North Wake Forest	Wake	\$250,000
Beckford Medical Center	Vance	\$250,000
Cabarrus Rowan Community Health Centers	Rowan	\$250,000
Caswell County Health Department	Caswell	\$250,000
Community Care Clinic of Dare	Dare	\$250,000
Community Free Clinic	Cabarrus	\$250,000
Duplin Medical Association Inc	Duplin	\$250,000
Hodges Family Practice, Inc	Randolph	\$250,000
LifeBrite Hospital Group of Stokes	Stokes	\$250,000
Open Water Medical PA	Carteret	\$250,000
Pamlico County Health Department	Pamlico	\$250,000
Piedmont Health Services	Orange	\$250,000
Roanoke Chowan Community Health Center	Hertford	\$250,000
Rural Health Group, Inc.	Halifax	\$250,000
Southeastern Life Center, Incorporated	Robeson	\$250,000
Stokes County Health Department	Stokes	\$250,000
Tyrrell County Rural Health Association	Tyrrell	\$250,000
Vance Family Medicine	Vance	\$250,000
Vecinos, Inc.	Jackson	\$250,000
Washington Regional Medical Center	Washington	\$250,000
Clay County Health Department	Clay	\$248,299
First Care Medical Clinic	Stanly	\$246,169
Black River Health Services	Pender	\$245,246
Benson Area Medical Center dba Benson Health	Johnston	\$233,344
Mountain Area Health Education Center, Inc. (MAHEC)	Buncombe	\$216,106
Ocracoke Health Center, Inc.	Hyde	\$196,512
Coastal Horizons	Columbus	\$172,523
Person Family Medical Center, Inc.	Person	\$166,760
Kinston Community Health Center	Lenoir	\$150,000
Carolina Mercy Medical Clinic	Gaston	\$92,300
Blue Ridge Community Health Services	Henderson	\$79,999
Grace Clinic of Yadkin Valley	Surry	\$67,380
Granville Health System	Granville	\$25,533
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