

# North Dakota's Rural Health Transformation Program

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**NORTH DAKOTA**  
RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

A five-year, statewide investment to:

- Strengthen rural health care
- Make ND the healthiest state in the nation



# About North Dakota

- 800,000 people (4<sup>th</sup> least populated state, 17<sup>th</sup> largest by land mass)
- 36 of 53 counties are “frontier” (6 or fewer people per square mile)
  - 11 people per square mile on average
  - 2 counties with less than 1 person per square mile
- Median Age trending younger, lower than national average
- Median Income \$77,871



# Rural Health Transformation Process



Department of Health & Human Services

Community Listening Sessions



Interim Legislative Committee  
(34 members, 6 meetings)

Joint Human Services Policy Committees with Human Resources Division of Appropriations Committees  
Policy Changes Needed



Application Submitted by DHHS

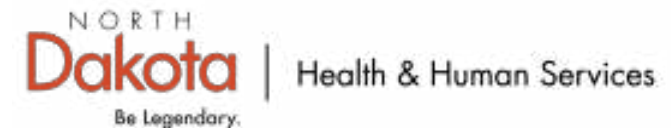


Award Received - \$199 Million

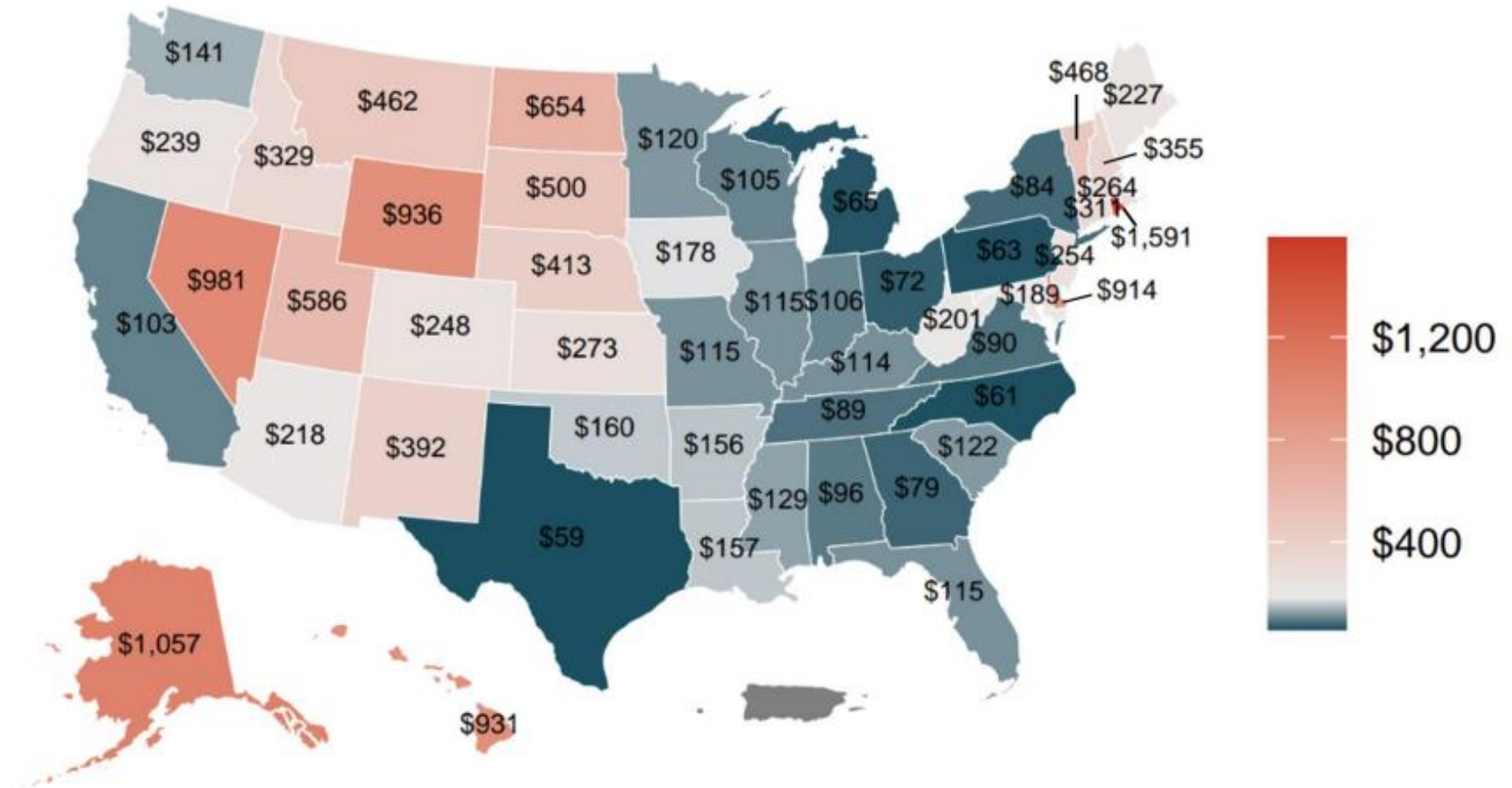


Special Session

Policy Changes  
Appropriation, Bridge Loans



## RHTP Award per Rural Resident, by State



# Focus for Funding Opportunities in North Dakota



STRENGTHEN AND STABILIZE  
RURAL HEALTH WORKFORCE



MAKE NORTH DAKOTA  
HEALTHY AGAIN –  
PREVENTIVE CARE,  
EATING HEALTHY



BRING  
HIGH-QUALITY CARE  
CLOSER TO HOME

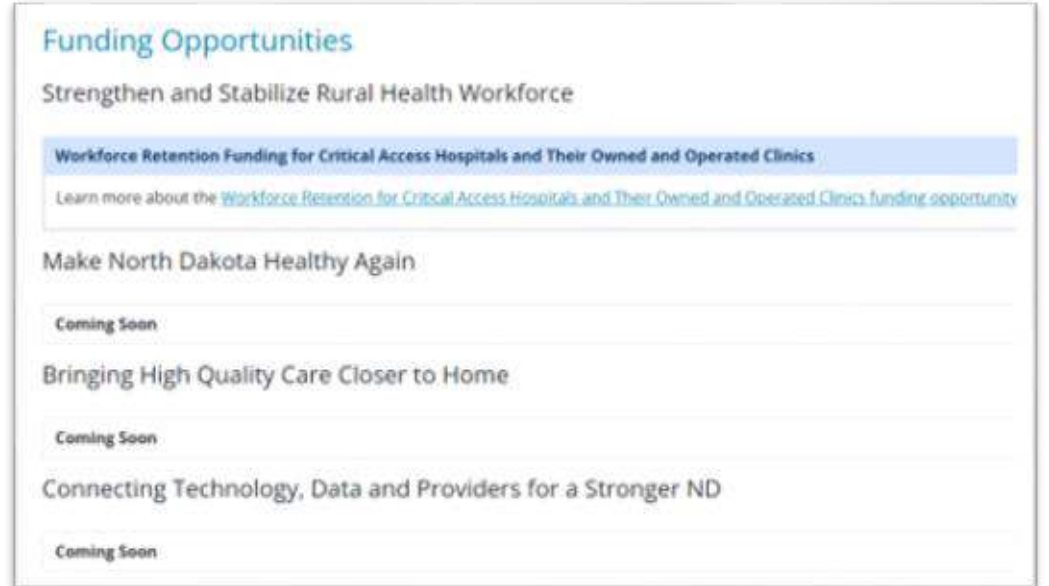


CONNECTING TECHNOLOGY,  
DATA AND PROVIDERS FOR A  
STRONGER NORTH DAKOTA

<p><b>\$162.4 M</b> <b>16.2% = \$32.3 M / yr</b></p>	<p><b>\$85.9 M</b> <b>8.6% = \$17.1 M / yr</b></p>	<p><b>\$583.8 M</b> <b>58.4% = \$116.2 M / yr</b></p>	<p><b>\$168.0 M</b> <b>16.8% = \$33.4 M / yr</b></p>
<p>Train and retain a high-skilled workforce through new residencies, grow-your-own workforce pipelines, recruitment and retention grants, and training to develop the existing workforce to work at the top of their license</p>	<p>Launch Eat Well ND and ND Moves Together to put evidence-based practices in nutrition, physical activity and behavioral health at the center of everyday life. Sustain progress through multi-payer focus on innovative care models and payment mechanisms</p>	<p>Transform care models with new tech tools to reduce reliance on physical workforce and foster efficiency by deploying telehealth hubs, mobile clinics, remote patient monitoring, while aligning to new care coordination models and focusing on sustainability through revenue diversification and right-sizing care delivery</p>	<p>Cut costs by modernizing tech infrastructure and bringing providers together to support shared infrastructure and improved data sharing</p>

# Rollout (so far...)

- Workforce Retention Funding for Critical Access Hospitals and Their Owned and Operated Clinics
  - Retention Bonuses
  - Tuition Reimbursement, Preceptor Stipends
  - Child Care Partnerships,
  - Innovative Staffing Models, Workplace Wellness



**Funding Opportunities**

Strengthen and Stabilize Rural Health Workforce

**Workforce Retention Funding for Critical Access Hospitals and Their Owned and Operated Clinics**

Learn more about the [Workforce Retention for Critical Access Hospitals and Their Owned and Operated Clinics funding opportunity](#)

Make North Dakota Healthy Again

Coming Soon

Bringing High Quality Care Closer to Home

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Connecting Technology, Data and Providers for a Stronger ND

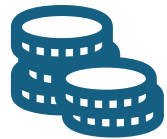
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# What's Next?



## **Continued Funding Opportunities**

CMS Approval of Contracts  
Timing Concerns



## **Reimbursement Process**



## **Monitoring performance and outcomes**



## **Award for remaining years based on performance**