



# Tennessee's Healthcare Resiliency Program: Practice Transformation and Extension

Applicant Webinar  
November 10, 2022

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# Program Overview

- The Tennessee Healthcare Resiliency Program (THRP) is a statewide program administered by the Tennessee Department of Health
- THRP will provide direct support to the healthcare industry with two specific program areas:
  - Capital Investments (THRP-CI)
  - Practice Transformation and Extension (THRP-PTE)
- This presentation will be solely focused on the THRP-PTE program

# Program Overview

## Practice Transformation and Extension Grants

Technology, Practice Upgrade, Delivery Models Focused on Improving Access

**Acute Care Hospitals**  
**(\$30M)**

- Competitive grant process

**Long-Term Care**  
**(\$25M)**

- Competitive grant process

**Other Health and Healthcare**  
**(\$20M)**

- Competitive grant process

# Practice Transformation and Extension

What is “Practice Transformation and Extension?”

- Projects that help Tennessee health and healthcare providers deliver integrated, high-quality, comprehensive prevention, public health, and treatment services for vulnerable populations.
- We encourage projects that address the drivers of health outcomes and increase access to services for underserved communities

# Program Vision



# Eligible Costs – Project Types

- Alternative or innovative care delivery models that improve access to health or healthcare services and/or that address an identified community need
- Projects that consider service integration programs or social service linkages to address drivers of health, such as “one-stop-shop” models for underserved populations
- Piloting technology investments
- Other evidence-based or promising practices that support improved public health outcomes

# Eligible Costs – Project Examples

- Electronic Intensive Care Unit (eICU)
- Mobile Medical Units
- Telemedicine Services
- Development of Health Information Exchange Platforms
- Co-location & Wraparound Services (“One-stop Shop Model”)
- Care Coordination
- Linkage to Social Services
- Health and housing collaboration
- Promote Cross-system/Cross-sector Alignment/Collaboration
- Caregiver Support and Transitional Services
- Patient-centered Care
- Trauma-informed Services
- Nutrition Access and Support
- Birthing Center with Midwife Staffing Model
- Other innovative solutions for improving health outcomes



# Eligibility – Entity Types

Eligible entity types are described below. Eligibility will be confirmed through the Tennessee Department of Health’s Division of Health Licensure and Regulation.

Eligible Entity Type	Detail
Acute Care Hospitals	Licensed acute care hospitals which are physically located in Tennessee and have been serving Tennessee patients since at least January 1, 2021, are eligible to apply for these funds. Dual licensure facilities are also eligible as long as the facility was utilized as an acute care hospital.
Long-term Care Facilities	Licensed Assisted Care Living Facilities and Licensed Nursing Home Facilities which are physically located in Tennessee and have been serving Tennessee patients since at least January 1, 2021, are eligible to apply for these funds

# Eligibility – Entity Types (cont.)

Eligible Entity Type	Detail
Other Entities	Other entities that provide health or healthcare services (such as, but not limited to, primary care providers, NGOs, school-based health programs, or other entities that provide services which address the social determinants of health or drivers of health outcomes) which are physically located in Tennessee and have been serving Tennessee patients since at least January 1, 2021, are eligible to apply for these funds.

# Eligibility for Projects Spanning Multiple Facilities

- Entities that plan to administer a project with a common purpose across multiple facilities are eligible to apply.
- Information regarding the location and facility type of each entity to be served under this project will be required as well as the funding amount to be allocated to each facility
- Grant awardees will not be allowed to subaward funds or create further subrecipient relationships

# Ineligible Facilities & Projects

## **Ineligible entities may include but are not limited to:**

- Entities where at least 50% of patients receive mental or behavioral health services
- Any entity not in good standing with the Secretary of State
- Any entity with outstanding civil monetary penalty funds

## **Ineligible projects may include but are not limited to:**

- Bricks and mortar projects that are eligible under HRP-Capital Investments
- Supplanting of funds for ongoing programs

# Timeline

- **November 10, 2022:** Application opens and help desk goes live
- **February 10, 2023:** Application portal closes
- **March 10, 2023:** Help desk closes
- **April 2023:** Award selections made
- **June 30, 2026:** Target date to fully expend awarded funds

# Application Period

- The application period will be open for 90 days starting November 10, 2022
- Application treatment and scoring will not be affected by when an application is submitted
- If we have questions regarding your application, we will contact you prior to scoring the application; as such it is imperative that contact information is accurate and that responses to our inquiries are prompt and complete
- We recognize that this is a new process to many of you – you may wish to procure grant writing services to assist with your application, and in such cases this expense will be eligible for reimbursement through this grant but **only if your application is selected for an award.**

# Terms and Conditions

- THRP-PTE funds are provided through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF), and any awardees of this program will be subrecipients that are subject to SLFRF eligibility, reporting and other compliance requirements
- Applicants will need to register at SAM.gov as a part of the application process
- THRP-PTE funds cannot be used for any expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any other program (e.g., Provider Relief Fund)
- These requirements do not preclude billing any form of insurance for care provided to any patient

# Period of Performance

- The period of performance begins November 1, 2022 and ends on June 30, 2026
- Work is only eligible within the period of performance
- Under SLFRF requirements, all costs must be obligated by December 31, 2024
- “Obligate” means orders placed for property and services, contracts and subawards made, and similar transactions that require payment



# Uniform Guidance Requirements – Key Requirements

As a subrecipient, you will also be subject to Uniform Guidance (UG) requirements, including but not limited to the following:

- Complying with procurement requirements of the UG and ensuring full and open competition for all goods or services.
- Maintaining adequate records, financial statements, and source documentation to support expenses and compliance.
- Obtaining a Single Audit, depending upon the amount of Federal funds expended and entity type.
- Facilitating risk assessments and monitoring of your use of Federal funds by TDH, and taking appropriate and timely action in the event of monitoring or audit findings.

# Uniform Guidance Requirements - Equipment Purchases

- Terms and Conditions require prior approval from TDH for equipment purchases
- “Equipment” is any article of nonexpendable, tangible, personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost which equals or exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000)
- Subject to UG requirements on acquisition, title, use, asset management, and disposition

# Uniform Guidance Requirements - Program Income

- “Program income” is income earned that is directly generated by a supported activity or earned as a result of the grant during the period of performance.
- Includes income from fees for services performed and the use of rental or real or personal property acquired with grant funds.
- Any program income earned through December 31, 2026, must be tracked and reported to TDH

# Uniform Guidance Requirements – Expenditure Documentation

Robust documentation will be required in order to receive reimbursement for expenses. Subrecipients should expect to maintain the following for program expenditures:

- Procurement policy, and procurement and bid documentation
- Cost/price analysis depending on procurement amount
- Contracts and change orders
- Detailed invoices for work performed
- Dates worked
- For time and materials contracts, monitoring documentation

# Uniform Guidance Requirements – Payroll Documentation

Subrecipients should expect to maintain the following for payroll costs related program and administrative expenditures:

- Name, job title and function
- Employee type (e.g. full-time exempt, part-time, etc.)
- Days and hours worked
- Pay rate(s) and fringe benefit rate(s)
- Description of work performed with daily logs/activity reports
- Timesheets – manual if not system required
- Fringe benefit calculations
- Pay policy

# Grant Administration Costs

- Per the SLFRF Final Rule, recipients are permitted to charge direct costs to their award as administrative costs. Direct costs are those that are identified specifically as costs of implementing the program objectives, such as contract support, materials, and supplies for a project.
- TDH will be allowing administrative costs of up to 5% of the project value.
- See payroll documentation requirements for documentation required for in-house labor

# Application Content

## General Information

- Entity type
- UEI Number
- Contact information
- Project description
- Location
- Requested funding amount

# Application Content

## Demonstration of Community Need

- Detail the COVID-19 impact on your organization's ability to provide health services
- Address how this proposal will assist in addressing the pandemic's impacts, as well as ongoing and potential future challenges prioritized by your community
- Explain how the project will serve low-income, minority, underserved, and rural populations that have experienced the greatest impact of the pandemic
- Explain how this project will promote and make services available to those low-income, minority, underserved, and rural populations



# Application Content

## Project Plan

- Project purpose statement and rationale
- Project implementation plan
- Project timeline
- Description of management plan and key project leaders
- Logic model describing the inputs, outputs, and intended outcomes of the project

# Application Content

## **Project Evaluation Plan**

- Description of your plan to measure and evaluate the success and impact of the project.

## **Project Sustainability**

- Description of plan to sustain the impact of this project beyond the grant performance period

## **Project Budget**

- Narrative overview
- Completed template

# Application Portal



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# Next Steps

- Application review process to commence as applications are received
- TDH to conduct applicant outreach as needed to obtain additional information or clarify information included in applications
- Award selections and announcements expected to occur in April 2023
- Further information on grant activities (e.g. subrecipient agreements, invoice reimbursement process) will be provided to awardees at that time.

# Resources

For further information, please see the program website  
<https://www.tn.gov/health/hrp>.

If you have program questions, our helpdesk can be reach via the phone number (615) 686-2613 (note that this will only allow you to leave a voicemail; it is not staffed live) or the email address [HRP.Practice.Transformation@tn.gov](mailto:HRP.Practice.Transformation@tn.gov).



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