

Expanding Health Care Access for Rural Veterans

The Kentucky Office of Rural Health (KORH)-administered **Expanding Health Care Access for Rural Veterans Project** funds innovative projects that seek to create, enhance, or increase services that are intended to improve health care for Kentucky's rural veterans.

Eligible applicants include: (1) **Kentucky's 28 critical access hospitals (CAHs)**, and (2) **nonprofit organizations located in one of the rural counties served by the Commonwealth's CAHs**. CAHs and other health organizations in their community or region are encouraged to collaborate on project applications.

Proposed projects must be aligned to one or more of the following goals:

- Increasing access to care for underserved veteran populations, including geriatric, women, Native American, and minority veteran populations;
 - Increasing care coordination for veterans seeking care both at the VA system and from other community providers, including the [VA community care program](#); and/or
 - Increasing access to mental health services, substance use disorder (SUD) services, or other health care services deemed necessary to meet the needs of veterans living in rural areas.
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Organizations funded through the program will be required to collect data corresponding to their project during the funding cycle and submit that data to the Kentucky Office of Rural Health at the project's conclusion. Data may include:

- Number of veterans receiving care or services and the types of services provided;
 - Number of underserved veterans (geriatric, minority, Native American, and women veterans-differentiate between which underserved veterans) receiving services and types of services provided;
 - Number of veterans or number of sites enrolled in the VA system;
 - Number of veterans receiving telehealth services (and the types of services);
 - Number of veterans and/or number of underserved veterans receiving telehealth health services;
 - Number of sites using veteran screenings and/or number of veterans screened by providers or organizations.
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Eligible activities may include, but are not limited to: VA Community Care Program Assistance/Education, Provider education/training, Telehealth/Tele-behavioral Health, and Veteran outreach.

Note: Applications requesting funds to purchase new equipment or maintain existing equipment will only be considered if the equipment is related to or part of planned activities. Project funds must be used for direct cost expenditures and cannot be used for any indirect costs the organization may have incurred. Project funds also may **not** be used to purchase food or beverages. **Funding provided for the project is reimbursement based: Payments will be made to reimburse recipients for actual expenditures supported by documentation.**

***Completed applications and questions should be directed to:
Rural Project Manager Matt Coleman (matt.coleman@uky.edu)**

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Budget

\$10,000.00

Project period:

December 2, 2022 – July 30, 2023

Applications due by:

November 30, 2022

Notification of award:

On or before December 2, 2022

Final Invoice Required:

By July 30, 2023

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Name	Title	Email
Organization		Phone Number

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide a brief summary of the proposed project, including:

- a) Previously identified need(s) and method of identification
- b) Project goal(s)
- c) Target population(s)
- d) Detailed activities proposed to meet the need(s)
- e) Persons responsible for the project as well as their roles and experience
- f) Collaboration with community partners and their project responsibilities
- g) Expected outcomes and how they help meet the project goal(s)

PROJECT TARGETS AND MEASURABLE INDICATORS (list up to 3 goals)

Goal #1	Measurable target/deliverables	Target/deliverables timeline	Quarterly progress indicators
Goal #2	Measurable target/deliverables	Target/deliverables timeline	Quarterly progress indicators
Goal #3	Measurable target/deliverables	Target/deliverables timeline	Quarterly progress indicators

BUDGET

Provide a budget (up to \$10,000) in the format below.

In the first column, list the expense (travel, room rental, printing, etc.) along with a brief description if necessary. If there are personnel costs, state as "hourly rate x hours."

In the second column, list the funds coming from other sources, if any.

In the last column, list the dollars requested through this grant.

Expense (please itemize)	Non-Grant Funds	Grant Funds Requested
Total Non-Grant Funds		
Total Grant Funds		
Non-Grant + Grant Funds = Total Project Costs		