

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Seeks Applications for Grants to Improve Health Care in the Delta Region

WASHINGTON, May 20, 2021 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that it is accepting applications for grants to improve health care in the Delta region.

USDA is making up to \$3 million in grants available through the [Delta Health Care Services Grant Program](#). The funding may be used to support activities such as health education programs, health care services, job training in health care fields, and developing or expanding public health facilities.

Projects funded under this program must serve the Delta region. This is defined as 252 counties and parishes in Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee. The program is a collaborative effort among health care professionals, institutions of higher education, research centers and other entities.

USDA encourages applications that will support the Biden administration's goal to reduce morbidity and mortality. This includes applications for programs and services to address substance use disorder (including opioid misuse) in high-risk rural communities by strengthening the capacity to address prevention, treatment and/or recovery.

The minimum grant award is \$50,000. The maximum award is \$1 million. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis.

Completed applications for grants must be submitted electronically by no later than midnight Eastern Standard Time July 19, 2021 through <http://www.grants.gov>.

For additional information, see page 27370 of the May 20, 2021, [Federal Register](#).

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