FY 2026 National Technical Assistance Programs (NTAP) (HRSA-26-009)
Technical Assistance Presentation for Applicants

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People

How to Access the NOFO

1. Visit NTAP Grants.gov webpage

2. Select "Package"

3. Select "Preview"

4. Select "Download Instructions"

Welcome from BPHC

AGENDA

- Funding Opportunity Overview

- Application Development

- Other Considerations and Reporting

- Technical Assistance (TA) Resources

- Q&A

Funding Opportunity Overview
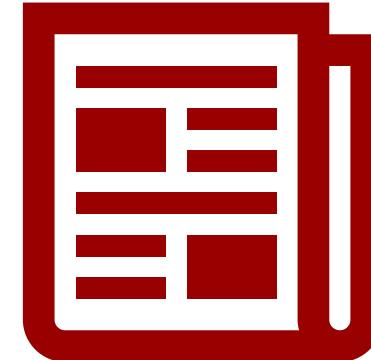
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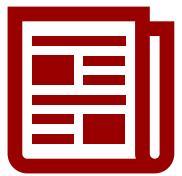
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Funding Focus
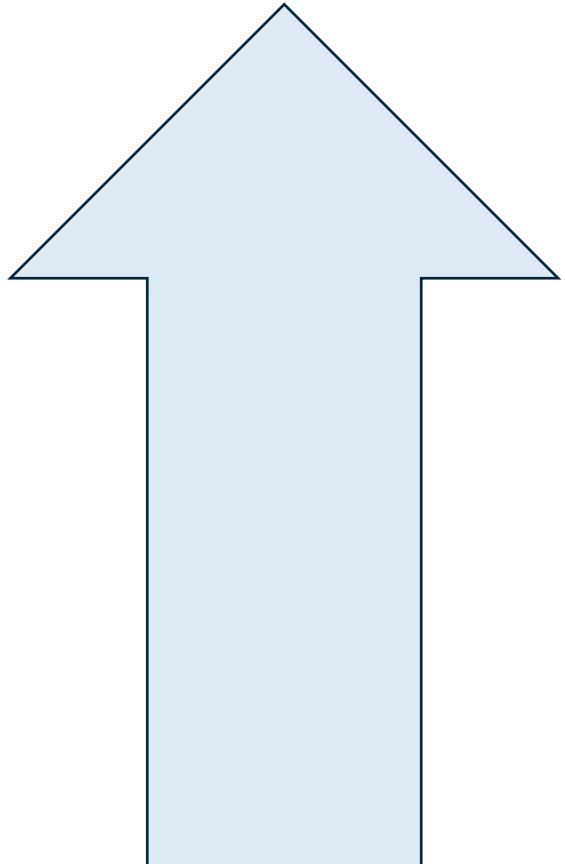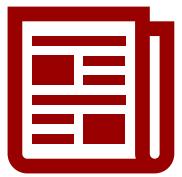
- Comprehensive, high-quality primary health care
- Chronic disease management, nutrition, and preventive services
- Operational effectiveness, efficiency, and quality
- Emergent public health needs and priorities
- Compliance with Health Center Program and supplemental funding requirements

Health Center Performance Improvement Framework

NTAP TA supports health centers across seven performance domains:
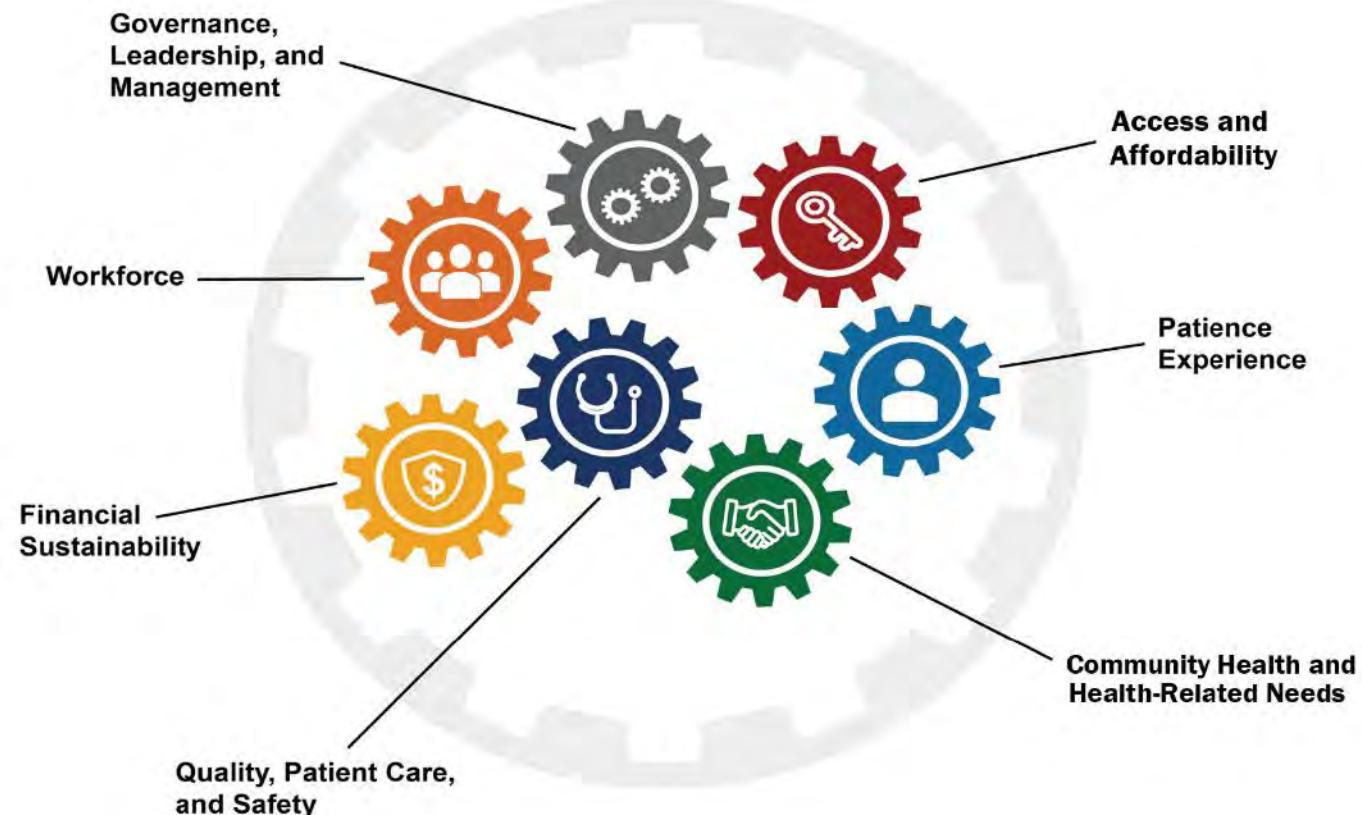
Award Summary

3 awards

$24 million total
($8M per award)

4-year funding period
(August 1, 2026 – July 31, 2030)

Eligibility

Eligible

- Domestic organizations (in the United States, DC, territories, and freely associated states) that are:
  - Non-profits
  - For profits
  - Public entities
  - State, county, city, township, and special district governments
  - Public and private institutions of higher education
  - Native American tribal governments and organizations

Not Eligible

- Individuals
- Foreign organizations

Other Considerations

You may apply for only 1 NTAP category:

- Clinical and Preventive Excellence
- Operational Excellence
- National TA and Coordination Center

Your application must:

- Demonstrate your understanding of national needs
- Show your experience and ability to conduct learning opportunities for health centers
- Explain how you will identify best practices that improve the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of TA
- Identify organizations you will collaborate with to make sure you have the right subject matter expertise

TA Formats
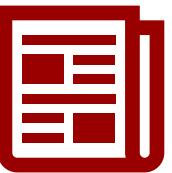
National audiences

General, short-term, and didactic sessions that address priority needs of many health centers.

National community of practice (CoP)

Regular interaction of small groups that include peer learning to address a specific topic and area of need.

Outcomes-focused cohorts

Intensive, targeted one-on-one support and peer learning for health centers to improve clinical or operational performance.

Annual Requirements

NTAP Category	Objectives	Total Activities	National Audience Activities	National CoPs (6 sessions per CoP)	Additional CoP details	Outcomes-Focused Cohorts (40 participants per cohort)
Clinical and Preventive Excellence	13	36	22	8	None	6
Operational Excellence	13	36	22	8	None	6
National TA and Coordination Center	8	36	18	12	Leadership from at least 12 health centers per CoP	Not applicable

Select Objectives per NTAP (1 of 3)

Clinical and Preventive Excellence

(4 of 13 required objectives listed below)

- Access to comprehensive primary care
- Chronic disease management
- Preventive services
- Outcomes-focused cohorts to improve clinical performance
  - 2 cohorts focused on controlled hypertension
  - 2 cohorts focused on weight assessment and counseling for nutrition and physical activity for children/adolescents
  - 2 applicant-choice cohorts from a selection of 5 possible topics

Operational Excellence (4 of 13 required objectives listed below)

- Workforce recruitment, retention, and development
- Financial and resource management
- Health information technology and data management
- Outcomes-focused cohorts to improve operational performance
  - 2 cohorts focused on staffing and utilization
  - 2 cohorts focused on days cash on hand
  - 2 applicant-choice cohorts from a selection of 4 possible topics

National TA and Coordination Center

(4 of 8 required objectives listed below)

- TA needs assessment
- Health center leadership and governing boards communities of practice
- Facilitation and information sharing among HRSA-supported TA programs
- Health Center Resource Clearinghouse
  - o Maintain the platform
  - o Develop and add materials to the clearinghouse

Application Development

Grants.gov Application

- Process
  - Register or renew with SAM.gov
  - Access the NOFO and application workspace at www.grants.gov/applicants
  - Apply by **March 31, 2026, at 11:59pm ET**
  - Application page limit is 80 pages

- What's new?
  - Single-tier application in Grants.gov only
  - Items previously provided in the application system will be submitted as attachments

Forms

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
- Project Abstract Summary Form
- Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A)
- Grants.gov Lobbying Form
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (optional)
- Project/Performance Site Location(s)
- Key Contacts

Attachments

- Project narrative
- Budget narrative with staff justification table
- Project work plan
- Organizational chart
- Staffing plan
- Position descriptions for key personnel
- Biographical sketches for key personnel
- Letters of support
- Summary of contracts and agreements (as applicable)
- Other relevant documents (as applicable)

Visit the **NTAP TA webpage** for samples and other resources

NOFO Sections and Scoring

Introduction — 0 Points
Establishes NTAP category for application

Need — 15 Points
Data to support existing and potential health centers' needs

Response — 15 Points / 15 Points
PWP: Proposed activities to achieve NTAP objectives
Project narrative: Proposed approaches to activities to address needs

Project Narrative and Merit Review Criteria

Collaboration — 10 Points
Existing and proposed partnerships

Impact — 15 Points
Strength and effectiveness of proposed plan

Capacity — 25 Points
Extent of expertise and ability to execute proposed plan

Support Requested — 5 Points
Budget aligned with plans to achieve objectives

Project Work Plan: Logistics

- Submit as an attachment
  - Does **not** count for the page limit
- Be sure your text is in the print area, and that the page layout makes the plan easy to read
- Tips:
  - Use only 2 columns
  - Format to fit the width of a page in portrait layout

Element	Content
Objective 1 Title	Access to comprehensive primary care
Objective Definition	Increase the number of health centers that receive TA to optimize delivery of required health services and increase access to integrated, comprehensive, high-quality primary health care in their communities
Objective Target	
Objective Impact Narrative	
Activity 1 Name	
Activity Format	
Activity Description	
Performance Domain(s)	
Person/Group Responsible	
Target Start Date	
Partner Organizations	
Objective 2 Title	Chronic disease management
Objective Definition	Increase the number of health centers that receive TA on preventing and managing chronic disease to improve health outcomes in at least three of the following topics: controlled hypertension, depression remission, diabetes (glycemic control), and mental health and substance use disorder management

Project Work Plan: Content and Reminders

Objectives Section

- 8 or 13 required objectives
- Use title and description from NOFO
- Set target (number or percentage for end of 4-year period of performance)
- Write impact narrative

Activities Section

- At least 1 activity section per objective – add more as needed
- State TA format, performance domains, and partners
- Describe activity
- Provide additional details

Your PWP should:

- ✓ Set realistic and achievable targets
- ✓ Include the required numbers of activities, participants, and sessions
- ✓ Describe year 1 activities only

SF-424A: Budget Information Form

- **Section A:** Enter year 1 federal funding requested (maximum $8M)

- **Section B:** Year 1 breakdown by object class categories

- **Section C:** Leave blank

- **Section D:** Leave blank or breakdown year 1 by quarter

- **Section E:** Use the first 3 columns to enter your outyear annual funding (year 2 in the first column, year 3 in the second column, and year 4 in the third column)

- **Section F:** Enter your indirect cost rate type (provisional, predetermined, final, fixed, or *de minimis)* and explain any out-of-the-ordinary direct costs

Budget Narrative

Detailed line-item budget ✓

Outlines and explains all federal expenses ✓

Covers each year of the 4-year period of performance ✓

Year 1 breakdown consistent with the SF-424A, Section B ✓

Includes a staff justification table ✓

Ineligible Costs

Costs already paid for by any other federal awards

Costs not aligned with the NTAP purpose (e.g., direct patient care)

Construction, alteration and renovation (A/R), or expansions

Reserve requirements for state insurance licensure

Support for lobbying or advocacy efforts

Conference sponsorship

NTAP staff professional development

Other Considerations and Reporting
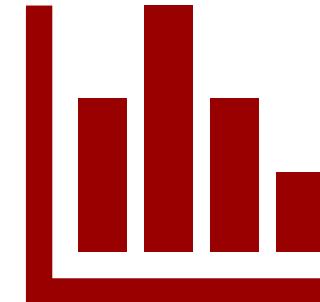
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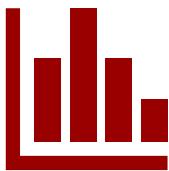
- **Federal Financial Report**
  - Annual accounting of expenditures
- **Non-Competing Continuation (NCC)**
  - Informed by the project work plan
  - Completed during years 1, 2, and 3
  - Describes progress
  - Provides updated plans and budget for the next year
- **Final Report**
  - Cumulative progress on meeting each objective target
 - Lessons learned
  - Final data

Key Dates
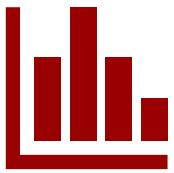
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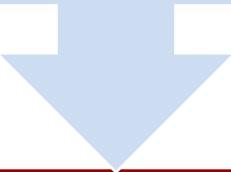
August 1, 2026: Award start date

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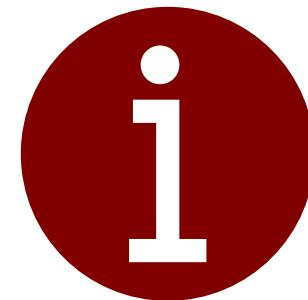
TA Webpage Details

| NTAP Notice of Funding Opportunity | TA Presentation Slides and Recording | Sample PWP, Budget Narrative, and Other Documents | Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) |

https://bphc.hrsa.gov/funding/funding-opportunities/national-technical-assistance-programs

Technical Assistance Contacts

Application Questions	• BPHC Contact Form • Under Funding > Applications for NOFOs > NTAP
Budget Questions	• Brian Feldman • bfeldman@hrsa.gov
Grants.gov Questions	• Grants.gov Support Center • support@grants.gov • 1-800-518-4726

Questions and Answer (Q&A)

Thank You!

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Appendix

Clinical and Preventive Excellence Objectives

1. Access to comprehensive primary care

2. Chronic disease management

3. Preventive services

4. Care continuity and coordination

5. Emerging issues

6. Outcomes-focused cohorts to improve clinical performance

7. Mental health services

8. Oral health and prevention services

9. Patient support services

10. Prevention of intimate partner violence and human trafficking

11. Clinical quality improvement, assurance, and patient safety

12. Clinical practice transformation

13. Community health and health-related needs

HRSA Health Center Program

Operational Excellence Objectives

1. Access to comprehensive primary care

2. Chronic disease management and preventive services

3. Workforce recruitment, retention, and development

4. Financial and resource management

5. Emerging issues

6. Outcomes-focused cohorts to improve operational performance

7. Health information technology and data management

8. Pharmacy management and optimization

9. Capital planning, growth, and operational development

10. Health center expansion of services

11. Workflow optimization

12. Train-the-trainer for PCAs and HCCNs

13. Preparedness for emergencies and environmental hazards

HRSA
Health Center Program

National TA and Coordination Center Objectives

1. Health Center Resource Clearinghouse - maintenance and materials development

2. Health Center Resource Clearinghouse – TA access

3. TA needs assessment

4. Strategic engagement

5. Facilitation and information sharing among HRSA-supported TA programs

6. National CoP to improve centers' leadership and governing boards

7. Coordinating responses to public health needs and priorities

8. Support health center compliance with program requirements

HRSA Health Center Program