



Rural Health Transformation (RHT)

Home Visiting

Informational Meeting



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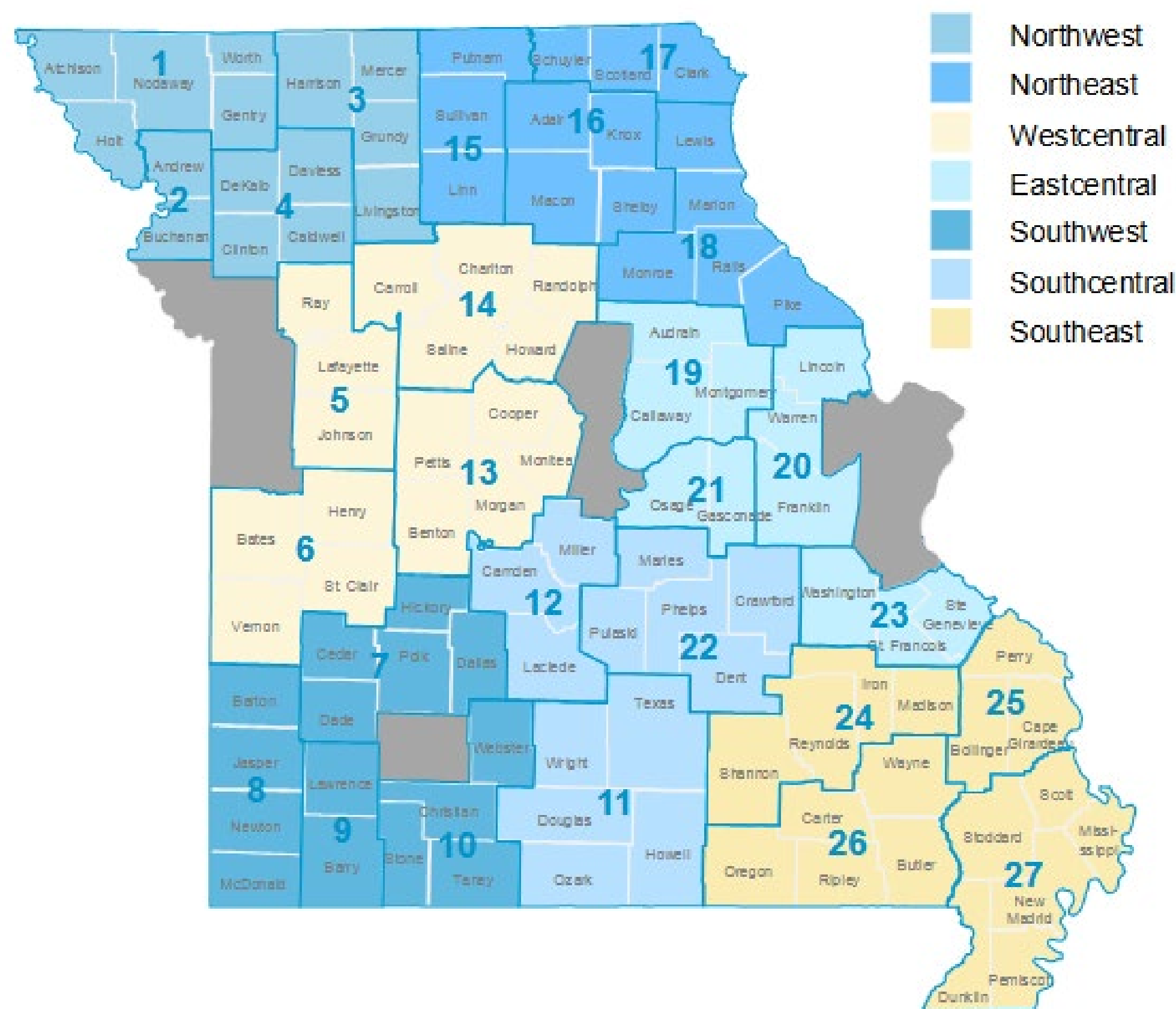
What is Rural Health Transformation?

- **\$50 billion federal investment** designed to **reshape healthcare** in rural communities across America
- Designed **to improve maternal-child health** for families living in eligible rural areas
- Vision is for Rural Missourians to have **access** to high-quality primary and behavioral health care they need, through or from a **well-aligned delivery system** that is built to last
- **Close-to-home, community-based care** including maternity options, with **connections** to specialists and complex care **enabled by telehealth and provider interoperability**
- Strengthen healthcare **quality** through **integrated care coordination, aligned incentives, and evidence-based practices** – so rural Missourians consistently experience **seamless, high-value care**
- Strengthen the **long-term sustainability** of rural providers through **targeted investments** in **infrastructure**, adoption of **innovative technologies**, and **payment models** that reflect the realities of rural care delivery



Rural Health Transformation Eligible Counties

- The eligible counties are rural and in color. Excluded (urban) counties are shaded grey
- 27 Hubs and 7 RCN's



Awarded Home Visiting Contractors will participate in the statewide network of RHT healthcare **“HUBs”**, which will include a variety of healthcare partners within a region of 3-6 counties. A designated Hub Anchor will serve as the neutral convener. *These HUBs help improve access, strengthen care coordination and address local population health needs.*

HUBS are divided into regions managed by Regional Coordinating Networks (RCNs).

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**The inclusion of home visiting
in the Rural Health Transformation Program's
spending plan reflects our state's
ongoing commitment to home visiting
as a strategy to *improve maternal and child health*.**



Purpose for Funding

- Total availability of funds are **\$588,000 annually** for agencies to initiate and implement RHT home visiting
- Grantees would be given the option of **renewing their contracts annually for an additional 4 years** based on performance and availability of funding
- Breakdown of funding will allow **up to \$100,000 for model fees and training costs of new nurse-based home visitors and up to \$488,000 for expansion of nurse-based home visiting**
- CTF will administer RHT contracts to **home visiting agencies (HVAs) currently, or working towards, implementing an evidence-based, HomVEE-approved model delivered by nurses and be able to demonstrate fidelity** to the model
- The **nurse-based home visitors** will serve **pregnant and postpartum families at home or via virtual tele-visits, following the established model**, to provide education and improve health and wellbeing including maternal and child screenings, early risk detection and care coordination among pregnant women, children and families



Eligibility to Apply

- Serve an approved **rural area**
- **currently, or working towards, implementing an evidence-based, HomVEE approved model and be able to demonstrate fidelity** to the model
- HV services provided by **nurses (nurse home visitors)**
- Deliver **year-round services, with an average minimum of 1-2 visits per month**
- Ensure nurse home visiting staff are **trained in the model and topics** required by the model
- Participate fully in the CTF three-tiered **Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)** process
- Utilize a **CTF-approved REDCap database** to record home visiting data. *Core data collection includes MIECHV performance measures, forms and visit completion including postpartum visits and preterm births.*
- Participate in their regional **Collective Impact (CI) site** via community meetings
- Be a **CRIS Referral Partner** (Coordinated Referral & Intake System) through their CI site



Use of Funds

Awarded funds may only be used for expenses related to home visiting service activities.

Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Staff time and travel expenses related to administering and/or providing home visiting services;
- Information technology hardware, software, and technical support related to administering, providing, and/or participating in home visiting services;
- Marketing and outreach to facilitate access to home visiting services;
- Model fee and required model home visitor trainings - **Must differentiate model fee and model training fund requests from program funds in the proposed budget** and address how/when training funds are intended to be used. Total of all grantees' training funds will not exceed \$100,000.
- Continuous quality improvement activities;
- Incentives that are reasonable and justifiable for participating families, including developmentally appropriate toys and/or books, safety or hygiene-related items, transportation assistance, grocery cards or gift cards to baby/child stores (excluding phone cards), specific basic family needs, etc.
 - *Must monitor the use of gift cards to include approval processes, logging, family acknowledgments and attempts to ensure restrictions on the purchase of tobacco, alcohol or firearms.*
 - *To purchase and provide supplies, programs must first ensure supplies cannot be accessed elsewhere in the community or through other family support programming.*
- Indirect costs necessary to the performance of the project which cannot exceed 8% for RHT



Award and Grant Requirements

- **Use CTF provided template and invoice CTF monthly** for reimbursement of approved expenses incurred by the Contractor. Invoices are due to the Agency by the **fifteenth (15th) day** of the month following the month in which the expenses are incurred.
- Payment will be made in arrears **within ninety days** of CTF's receipt of an invoice. Payment is conditional upon CTF's approval of an invoice and funds being available to CTF.
- Grantees can **flex up to 10% of their total award between approved line items and expenses**. If additional flex or a new budget request is needed, a **budget amendment can be requested** and issued through the last quarter of the funding year.
- **Once awarded**, grantees must be **registered as a vendor** with the State of Missouri through the **MissouriBUYS eProcurement System**. Additionally, all CTF grantees must participate in the **E-Verify program**, have **no taxes due** to the State of Missouri, and **be in good standing with the federal government**.
- Contractor will **maintain fiscal and programmatic documentation** related to their performance.
 - *Fiscal documentation will include proof of expense and proof of Contractor's payment for all billings submitted to CTF.*
 - *Programmatic documentation will include evidence of goods and/or services rendered and all data necessary to fulfill the reporting and monitoring requirements.*



Award and Grant Requirements, cont'd....

- Register with the **Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR)** and provide FCSR screening results to the employer, prior to working with children. FCSR screenings must be **completed annually** after initial registration/screening. Fees to meet this requirement may be included in the grantee's project budget. More information about the FCSR program is available at www.health.mo.gov/safety/fcsr/about.php.
- Complete a **state and national, fingerprint-based, criminal background check** as part of the hiring process through the **Missouri Volunteer and Employee Criminal History Services (MOVECHS)** program [Process and Forms](#). If these background checks were not completed upon hire, they must be initiated within thirty (30) days of receiving a CTF grant award.



Award and Grant Requirements, cont'd...

- Collect, enter, and report on **CTF core data collection**, including **MIECHV performance measures, demographics and forms as required by CTF**, *Screening & Forms Schedule attachment provided*. As part of grant requirements, the contractor must **utilize a CTF-approved REDCap project for aligned data collection**. *(If needed, funding at the local level to complete the required data, including computer hardware, should be requested and included in the proposal)*
- Comply with CTF **REDCap Database Policy Usage Guidelines** (Research Electronic Data Capture), *provided*
- If requested, allow authorized representatives of CTF and the State Auditor's office **access to all records** related to this Agreement. CTF will **maintain the right to audit said records** for a period of five years from the termination date.
- **Participate in scheduled provider meetings and annual site visits**
- The **privacy of participants** in programs funded by CTF will be protected with intentionality and as required by federal and state law, including the **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)**. The Contractor will comply with the **CTF Privacy Policy**, *attachment provided*.
- Participate fully in the **three-tiered continuous quality improvement (CQI) process**, including Level 1 (Local team meeting), Level 2 (inter-agency) and Level 3 (state level), including review of data quality reporting, Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSAs), and collaborating with other programs, *attachment provided*.



Application Process

Submission deadline by the end of the day on August 23, 2026. *Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.* To successfully apply, the following components must be completed and emailed to melinda.kirsch@oa.mo.gov before the deadline stated above.

Include:

- Completed CTF application (*CTF Template*);
- Documentation verifying fidelity that the home visiting program is currently, or working towards, implementing an evidence-based, HomVEE approved model (*i.e., model accreditation, registration letter or certificate, approved model application, training certificates, etc.*);
- Detailed Program Budget for Year 1 differentiating model fee and model training requirements (*CTF Template Attachment*);
- Applicant Agency's Operating Budget for the current year, including income and expenses;
- Application Certification Letter (*CTF Template attached to Application*);
- Provide proof of active nonprofit status (*e.g., IRS determination letter*) or documentation of being a qualified governmental entity;
- IRS Form 990, if applicable;
- Agency's most recent financial audit summary report;
- A high-level organizational chart of leadership and staff pertaining to the project; and,
- Agency's current list of Board of Directors and their affiliations.



Award Notifications

- Awardees will be notified in late September with an official contract and start-up to begin **on October 1, 2026.**
- Initial contracts will have a **term of one year.** Grantees will have the option to **renew their contracts annually,** subject to performance and funding availability.
- Grantees will be eligible for up to **four, 1-year renewals.**
- Award amounts are based on **need and funds available,** and therefore subject to change from year to year. **CTF reserves the right to amend the contracts,** based on ongoing work regarding home visiting payment structures.



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QUESTIONS

