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KEY FACTS

- ◆ **Agency:** TX Department of Agriculture
- ◆ **Application Guide:**
<http://bit.ly/1QY89IX>
- ◆ **Award:** \$5,000 maximum
- ◆ **Deadline:** 2017 deadline TBD
- ◆ **Contact Information:**

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SUMMARY

To assist rural communities in recruiting health care providers, other than physicians, to practice in their community by providing partial student loan reimbursements or stipend payments to non-physicians. The Rural Communities Health Care Investment Program (RCHIP) utilizes funds from a permanent endowment established from the tobacco settlement for the State of Texas

DESCRIPTION

For more information about this grant and access to other materials, please visit:
<http://bit.ly/1QY89IX>

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

RCHIP is intended to assist rural communities in recruiting health care providers, *other than physicians*, to practice in their community. The program provides partial student loan reimbursement or stipend payments to **non-physician providers**:

- 1) who practice in a qualifying community upon receiving their license within the last 12 months prior to application submission; or
- 2) who change employment from a practice site in a large county (over 500,000) to a qualifying community to practice in the field for which they are licensed.

Eligible clinicians include dentists and licensed non-physician mental health care providers.

- 1) Reside in the State of Texas
- 2) Hold a Texas license to work in a health care field, other than MD or DO.
- 3) Begin providing services in a qualifying community not later than 6 months after the award announcement.
- 4) Provide services to clients that receive at least one form of indigent care in the qualifying community.
- 5) Agree to practice in the community for at least 12 consecutive months.
- 6) Provide services in a county that has either the MUA or HPSA designation

Qualifying communities are located in a Texas county with a population of 50,000 or less and has been designated under state or federal law as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), or a Medically Underserved Area (MUA).

The clinician must: