

**North Carolina Farmworker Health Program,  
Office of Rural Health, NC Department of Health and Human Services**

**Application Guidance for NC Farmworker Health Program Funding for 2024-2025**

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**DHHS Division/Office issuing this notice:** Office of Rural Health

**Date of this notice:** November 3, 2023

**Deadline to receive applications:** January 9, 2024

**Working title of the funding program:** NC Farmworker Health Program

**Purpose:**

The North Carolina Farmworker Health Program (NCFHP) is anticipating the receipt of federal funds to increase access to primary, preventive, and behavioral health services for migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families in select regions in North Carolina. NCFHP funding is meant to supplement existing resources in communities and reduce barriers to care so that farmworkers and their family members have equitable access to comprehensive and continuous health care services. NCFHP supports the development of sustainable services for farmworkers by encouraging local partnerships and collaborations to facilitate the inclusion of farmworkers in services that are available for the general community.

**Application Tracks:**

One track is open for applications with this funding opportunity. Track I applicants do not need to apply for Tracks II, III, or IV to request funds for their enabling, behavioral health, and/or dental services. NCFHP is not currently accepting applications for Tracks II-IV. We anticipate re-opening applications for Tracks II-IV in the 2025-2026 funding cycle.

**Track I. Farmworker health service delivery site:** Applicants may submit through this track proposals to provide a comprehensive package of healthcare services to farmworkers and their families either directly or through formal referral arrangements. **Note that Track I funding is currently available only in the specific region listed below.**

- **Funding focus:** Funds may be used for enabling, dental, and behavioral health services for farmworkers and their families when these services are not otherwise available or if the existing services are not sufficient to respond to the demand. Funds are not available for direct medical services at this time. Because of the numerous barriers to care that farmworkers experience, NCFHP strongly supports the provision of quality enabling services including outreach, health education, and case management.
- **Funding preferences:** Preference will be given to applicants based on the criteria listed below.
  - Demonstrates a need for increased health care services for migrant and seasonal farmworkers in their community
  - Demonstrates capacity to effectively address barriers to care for farmworkers and provide quality services
  - Demonstrates capacity to provide or link farmworkers to primary, dental, and behavioral health services and to respond to additional needs

- Demonstrates capacity to effectively carry out COVID-19 prevention and response efforts
- Proposes an efficient strategy that utilizes local resources and collaborates with other partners to respond to health care gaps that farmworkers face in their community
- Proposes a plan to incorporate farmworker feedback into their service delivery approach or quality improvement efforts
- Can meet NCFHP requirements and expectations outlined in the application
- **Service area:** Funding is available in the below region as defined by the scope of project in NCFHP’s federal award.
  - Counties: Bladen, Pender, Southern Sampson, Southern Duplin, New Hanover
  - Funding available: Up to \$328,058\*
  - Minimum enabling FTE: 3
  - Patient goal: 2,000

<b>Funding category</b>	<b>Amount available</b>
Enabling and administrative services	270,000
Behavioral health services	27,083
Dental services	30,975
<b>Total</b>	<b>328,058*</b>

\*Additional one-time funds may be requested as outlined in the budget template.

**Proposed Project Period/Contract Term:**

The project period will be one year: April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025.

**Funding Availability:**

Awards will depend on the availability of funds.

**Eligible Applicants:**

- Free and charitable clinics
- Health departments
- Hospitals
- Rural health centers
- Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) [When proposed services do not duplicate services supported directly by HRSA]
- Non-profit community-based organizations

**Deadline and Instructions for Submission:**

Submissions are due by 11:59pm on **January 9, 2024**. Application documents should be completed using the Word and Excel templates available on our [website](#). Finalized application materials should be submitted via email to Kate Furgurson at [kate.furgurson@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:kate.furgurson@dhhs.nc.gov).

**Technical Assistance Webinar:**

A technical assistance webinar will be held on **November 17, 2023**, from 10-11am. Advanced registration is required. Please click [here](#) to register. A recording of the webinar will be available on our [website](#).

**Application Checklist:**

All applicants must submit the following to be considered for funding.

- ✓ Completed proposal narrative
- ✓ Completed budget
- ✓ Signed assurances page
- ✓ Goal tables
- ✓ Proof of sufficient vehicle insurance if staff personal vehicles used for transporting patients

**For questions about the grant application**, please contact Kate Furgurson at [kate.furgurson@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:kate.furgurson@dhhs.nc.gov).

**For credentialing and privileging or clinical CQI questions**, please contact Dr. Modjolie Moore at [modjolie.moore@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:modjolie.moore@dhhs.nc.gov).

**For budget questions**, please contact Patrick Lahiff at [patrick.lahiff@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:patrick.lahiff@dhhs.nc.gov).

**Grant Assurances:**

As a recipient of HRSA's health center funding, NCFHP must abide by HRSA's Health Center Program requirements, some of which are also expected of NCFHP grantees. As a program within the Office of Rural Health, NCFHP grantees must also abide by associated state requirements and expectations. All applicants must abide by the Farmworker Health Grant Assurances included with the funding application.

**Budget Guidance:**

Applicants are required to use the NCFHP Budget Template for 2024-2025 provided on our [website](#) and should complete the personnel, summary, and budget justification tabs, and, if applicable, the time-limited funding tab. Additional information about the budget and budget limitations can be found in the budget guidance tab of the budget template.