

Grant Opportunities

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Reaching Rural: Advancing Collaborative Solutions

Deadline: December 16, 2024

Purpose: Reaching Rural: Advancing Collaborative Solutions is a 1-year fellowship designed to help public safety and public health practitioners and other interested community members address substance use and misuse in rural communities. Participants will work to build deeper networks across sectors, adopt bold solutions, and reimagine how diverse systems can engage to better serve justice-involved individuals with substance use or co-occurring disorders.

Program activities include:

- Assess local or regional opportunities for systemic change
- Build leadership skills to facilitate cross-sector collaboration
- Explore the implementation of evidence-informed strategies in diverse rural settings
- Identify opportunities for different sectors, such as law enforcement, child welfare, prosecutors, probation, judges, public health, behavioral health, to align efforts more effectively
- Prioritize opportunities and strategies and commit to action
- Build a roadmap for local implementation and identify resources to support its implementation
- Commit to a project or individualized learning opportunity

Additional program benefits for participating cross-sector teams and individuals can be found in the [application instructions](#).

Areas of Focus: SUD/rural

Amount of Funding: This is a fellowship opportunity. Participants will be reimbursed for travel and per diem costs when attending sponsored activities.

Reaching Rural fellows will have the opportunity at the end of the planning period to apply for an implementation grant of up to \$100,000 for up to 15 months to launch a project planned during the Reaching Rural fellowship

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are rural practitioners who work for:

- Local units of government
- Federally recognized Indian tribal governments

- Nonprofit agencies that work with a local unit of government or federally recognized Indian tribal government to respond to substance use or misuse issues and/or individuals with co-occurring disorders

Applicants may apply either as an individual practitioner or as a member of a cross-sector team. Cross-sector teams must consist of at least 4 people from 3 different sectors: justice or public safety, public health, and behavioral health. Teams may include up to 6 members maximum.

All proposed activities must exclusively target populations residing in [HRSA-designated rural areas](#) or areas designated as rural by a state or federal agency.

Application Process: Links to additional information and the [application instructions](#) are available on the [program website](#).

[Cross-sector team application](#)

[Individual application](#)

[Applicant webinar](#)

(Registration required)

November 6, 2024

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. Eastern

Link to grant:

https://www.cossup.org/Content/Documents/Funding/Reaching_Rural_Advancing_Collaborative_Solutions_Oct2024.pdf

Sponsors: Bureau of Justice Assistance, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, State Justice Institute, U.S. Department of Justice

AmeriCorps VISTA Sponsoring Agency Request for Concept Papers

Deadline: December 6, 2024

Purpose: AmeriCorps VISTA is a program that provides resources and staffing for organizations and agencies working to alleviate poverty and address poverty-related problems in local communities.

AmeriCorps VISTA members are placed at sponsoring organizations, and serve for one year at approximately 40 hours per week addressing issues which have been locally identified as community priorities. The project goals and activities are designed to build the sponsor's capacity to serve low-income communities.

Priorities include:

- **Economic opportunity:** Housing, employment, workforce development, and federal benefit access
- **Education:** School readiness, K-12 success, career and technical education, and college access and success
- **Healthy futures: Food security and access to healthcare, including preventive education, treatment/recovery services, and mental healthcare**
- **Veterans and military families:** Economic opportunity, education, and healthy futures
- **Environmental stewardship:** Anti-poverty initiatives that focus on environmental stewardship and climate change in low-income communities
- **Priority populations:** Rural communities, areas of deep poverty, and native nations and tribal communities

Additional priority consideration will be given to projects that:

- Address racial equity
- Invest in underserved communities, especially those impacted by long-term recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic

Areas of Focus: Workforce

Amount of Funding: For placed VISTA members, the program provides a modest living allowance depending on the county in which the VISTA serves, travel/relocation costs, health benefits, and childcare benefits if eligible.

Eligibility: Eligible VISTA sponsors include:

- Nonprofit organizations

- Native nations and native led organizations
- Public and nonprofit schools
- State and local government agencies

Application Process: Links to additional information and the [program guidance](#) are available on the [program website](#). Submit a concept paper through the [eGrants system](#). Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full application. **Technical assistance webinars:** (Registration required) November 7, 2024 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Eastern

Link to grant: <https://americorps.gov/funding-opportunity/fy-2025-ameriCorps-vista-request-concept-papers>

Sponsors: AmeriCorps

Colorado Community Initiated Solutions Grants

Deadline: February 15, 2025; June 15, 2025

Purpose: The Colorado Health Foundation provides funding for projects that directly engage community members to identify health challenges and implement solutions that meet the specific needs of their communities.

Organizations are required to work collaboratively with community members to:

- Address a health challenge
- Develop and implement a solution
- Leverage existing strengths and resources
- Improve health equity

Priority will be given to projects that advance health equity or that center on communities of color.

Areas of Focus: Community Health

Amount of Funding: Not stated

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include:

- Community based groups or nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status
- Organizations that can demonstrate a substantial commitment to community-identified and community-led efforts to address complex health-related issues and/or challenges

Organizations without 501(c)(3) status may apply through a fiscal sponsor.

Application Process: Links to [application instructions](#) and the [online application portal](#) are available on the [program website](#).

Link to grant: <https://coloradohealth.org/funding-opportunities/community-initiated-solutions>

Sponsors: Colorado Health Foundation

Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Training and Mentoring

Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Purpose: This program provides free training and mentoring services for eligible healthcare providers to effectively use buprenorphine and other medications to treat opioid use disorder (OUD) in high-need communities. Completion of the training will count toward meeting MATE Act training requirements for practitioners registering for or renewing a DEA license. The training is free to complete, and is available in-person or online. The MD/DO training course is 8 hours, and the courses for nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other advance practice nurses are 24 hours.

Areas of Focus: Treatment

Amount of Funding: The course is provided at no cost to eligible clinicians.

Eligibility: Eligible participants have an active Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) number to dispense controlled substances and are one of the following:

- Physician (MD or DO)
- Nurse practitioner (NP)
- Physician assistant (PA)
- Certified nurse-midwife (CNM)
- Certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA)
- Medical students

Application Process: Links to additional guidance are available on the [program website](#).

Link to grant: <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/receive-medications-for-oud-training>

Sponsors: HRSA

