

HRSA-24-002 Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program Notice of Funding Opportunity  
Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Is my organization eligible to apply for the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program or the EMS Supplemental funding?**
  - Only the governor-designated entity in each state, the State Office of Rural Health (SORH) may submit applications for this funding. However, the awarded funding recipients (SORHs) will work with CAHs and rural EMS agencies for the duration of the funding. Hospitals and EMS agencies interested in this funding should reach out to their [State Office of Rural Health](#).
- 2. Are the templates provided for the work plan and budget justification required? Or can I use my own formatting?**
  - These templates are not required, you are free to use the format you would like. We do suggest you read the templates to make sure the components referenced are also included in your documents.
- 3. How can I make sure my budget justification meets all of the requirements?**
  - The Technical Assistance and Services Center (TASC) has produced resources and templates to help with the development of your budget justification, you can find them [here](#).
- 4. I want to start working in one of the optional program areas (population health or EMS), but I haven't done work in this area previously. Can I begin work in a new program area if I will not have a project with a defined outcome yet?**
  - Yes, you can begin working in a new program area. You are encouraged to complete a needs assessment to determine the needs of your hospitals or EMS agencies. You may make a note in your narrative and your work plan stating that your needs assessment will inform projects to be completed in future program years.
- 5. What should I do if I have a project that utilizes Flex Program funding as well as funding from other programs (for example, SHIP/SORH)?**
  - Please make a note in your application which projects incorporate funding from other programs, which pieces are paid for with Flex funding, and which pieces are paid for with the other programs.
- 6. How do I demonstrate that the activities of the EMS Supplement are different from those of our regular Flex EMS activities?**
  - If you are applying for the EMS Supplemental funding (HRSA-24-006), including a brief description of the regular EMS Flex activities will help to demonstrate the difference. If you have no regular EMS activities, you can note this as well.
- 7. Attachment 4 states we need to submit "Letters of Agreement/Memoranda of Understanding," do I need to include formal letters for every contractor we will be working with?**
  - This attachment may include *any* documentation that demonstrates your partnership with your contractors. This may include letters of support, letters of agreement, memoranda of understanding, or even a list of who your partners will be and a brief description of what they will work on.
- 8. Do I need to submit the MOU for each of my CAHs that is participating in MBQIP?**
  - No, you do not need to submit this MOU with your application.