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**Initiative 10: Rural GME Enhancement**

## Grant Opportunity Frequently Asked Questions

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? **How does an organization become recognized as an "Other Indiana Healthcare Delivery Organization Approved by IDOH"?**

✓ Organizations seeking consideration or approval should submit all related inquiries through the established Grant Technical Assistance (TA) Intake Forms. The Graduate Medical Education Technical Assistance Center (GME TAC) will review submissions and, when appropriate, present them to the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) for further consideration and determination.

? **May multiple Rural Health Clinic (RHC) sites operated by the same organization be included within a single application, provided that each clinic location is separately identified by its physical address?**

✓ Yes. Organizations operating multiple eligible Rural Health Clinic (RHC) locations should submit a single application encompassing all qualifying sites. Each participating site must be separately identified by its physical address. Eligibility should be verified using the HRSA Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer, and the total funding request must not exceed the maximum funding amount available under the grant opportunity.

? **What categories of learners are eligible to participate in activities supported through this grant opportunity?**

✓ Activities supported through this grant program must be focused exclusively on **medical students and resident physicians**. Funding may not be used to support training, clinical experiences, or educational activities for other learner groups or healthcare disciplines unless expressly authorized in the program guidance.

? **Is accreditation of a rural track program a prerequisite for grant eligibility?**

✓ No. Applicants are not required to have a currently accredited rural track program to be eligible for this grant opportunity.

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**? If an organization does not operate a healthcare delivery site, can it apply directly for funding, or must it partner with an eligible healthcare delivery organization?**

✓ No. The lead applicant must be an eligible healthcare delivery organization. Organizations that do not operate an eligible healthcare delivery site are not eligible to apply directly but may participate in grant-funded activities as approved subcontractors. These organizations must be identified as part of the original application submitted by the eligible applicant and included in the proposed scope of work and budget.

**? Must an applicant have an executed agreement with a medical school or residency program at the time of application?**

✓ No. Applicants are not required to have a fully executed affiliation, training, or partnership agreement in place at the time of application submission. However, applicants should demonstrate meaningful progress toward establishing a partnership with a medical school, residency program, or other eligible training partner.

**? What qualifications are required for preceptors and other individuals supporting these grant-funded training activities?**

✓ Preceptors and other individuals supporting these grant-funded training activities should meet the minimum qualifications, licensure, certifications, credentials, and other requirements established by the applicable accrediting, certifying, educational, or regulatory body governing the training program. Applicants are responsible for ensuring compliance with all applicable accreditation and program requirements.

**? Are there minimum requirements for learner volume, training duration, or specialty focus for proposed training activities?**

✓ The funding opportunity does not establish minimum requirements for learner volume, training duration, or specialty focus. Proposed training activities should meet the applicable requirements of the relevant accrediting, certifying, educational, or regulatory body to ensure the experience qualifies for the intended academic or training credit.

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**? How should applicants demonstrate that proposed activities establish or expand clinical training capacity?**

✓ Applicants should describe their current training activities and explain how the proposed project will create new training opportunities or expand existing capacity. Applications should demonstrate that grant-funded activities represent a meaningful increase in training capacity rather than routine operational improvements.

**? What documentation is required to demonstrate a site's readiness to support clinical training activities?**

✓ Applicants should provide sufficient information to demonstrate their ability to support the proposed training activities, including appropriate patient volume, clinical experiences, supervision, facilities, and administrative support. The funding opportunity does not prescribe minimum standards or require the use of a specific site-assessment template. Applicants are encouraged to consider the minimum educational and clinical experience requirements established by the applicable accrediting, certifying, or educational body to ensure learners can receive the intended academic or training credit. Applicants are responsible for demonstrating that the proposed training environment can support those requirements.

**? Are there narrative page limits, required budget or work-plan templates, mandatory support letters, or certifications beyond those listed in the NOFO? Will applicants receive a scoring rubric or the relative weights of review criteria?**

✓ No. There is no page limit for application narratives. Applicants should submit all information required by the NOFO and application materials. While content elements must be addressed, applicants are not required to use a specific narrative, budget, or work plan template unless otherwise stated. Required information should be consolidated and submitted through REDCap in accordance with the application instructions. Any required documentation, certifications, and review criteria will be identified in the official application materials.

**? Must applicants demonstrate a long-term commitment to sustaining training activities beyond the grant period?**

✓ Yes. Applicants should describe how grant-funded activities will support lasting improvements in clinical training capacity beyond the award period. Applicants should demonstrate how the proposed project will create sustainable programmatic change, strengthen training infrastructure, establish enduring partnerships, or otherwise position the organization to continue training activities after grant funds have ended.

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? **Do rural training sites have to sponsor their own residency program or be separately accredited by the ACGME?**

✓ No. Rural training sites may participate in resident training as approved participating sites under an accredited residency program and do not need to independently sponsor a residency program or hold separate ACGME accreditation.