



2026-2028 FQHC Subsidy Grant Program

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- Slides will be posted on the website by early next week
- Please save your questions for the end of the presentation
- All questions and answers will be posted by early next week to the ORHPC website

Program Description

Per legislation passed during the 2007 session, [Minnesota Statute 145.9269](#) empowers the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health to distribute grants to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and FQHC Look-Alikes “operating in Minnesota to continue, expand, and improve federally qualified health center services to low-income populations.” The program is administered by the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC).

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are federally qualified health centers and look-alikes. For the purposes of this grant, federally qualified health centers are provider organizations who receive a grant under [United States Code, title 42, section 254b](#), or, based on the recommendation of the Health Resources and Services Administration within the Public Health Service, are determined by the secretary to meet the requirements for receiving such a grant.

Funding for 2026-2028

Funding	Year 1 Estimate	Year 2 Estimate	Year 3 Estimate
Estimated Annual Amount to Grant	\$13,193,000	\$13,194,000	\$13,193,000
Estimated Number of Awards	19	19	19
Estimated Annual Award Maximum	\$3,957,900	\$3,958,200	\$3,957,900
Estimated Annual Award Minimum	\$659,650	\$659,700	\$659,650

Funding Formula

- Funding will be allocated to eligible organizations using a formula determined by statute. The amount of each subsidy shall be in proportion to each federally qualified health center's amount of discounts granted to patients during the most recent calendar year as reported on the federal Uniform Data System (Table 9D, #13e).
- Only discounts provided in Minnesota are included for health centers that have locations outside of the state. The formula also includes a 5 percent minimum and 30 percent maximum award for clinics with less than 5 percent or more than 30 percent of total discounted services.
- There is no match requirement for this grant.

Funding Continued

- You may only incur eligible expenditures when the grant agreement is fully executed, and the grant has reached its effective date, whichever is later.
- The FQHC Subsidy grant project period will be January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2028. Each year an award amount will be allocated as determined by the funding formula outlined above.
- The award amount may include funding with different end dates. Timelines for when funding is required to be spent will be outlined in your notice of funding and in the grant agreement. Attachment A: Sample Exhibit B provides an overview of how the budget will be outlined in the grant agreement.

Project Dates

- **Notice of Grant Opportunity published:** September 26, 2025
- **Letter of Intent due to MDH:** October 10, 2025, 4:30 p.m. Central Time
- **Grant Announcement to Recipients (estimate):** October 24, 2025
- Please submit questions no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Time, on November 18, 2025.
- **Budget and Narrative Application due:** November 21, 2025, 4:30 p.m. Central Time
- **Grant Agreements begin:** January 1, 2026
- **Grant Agreements end:** December 31, 2028

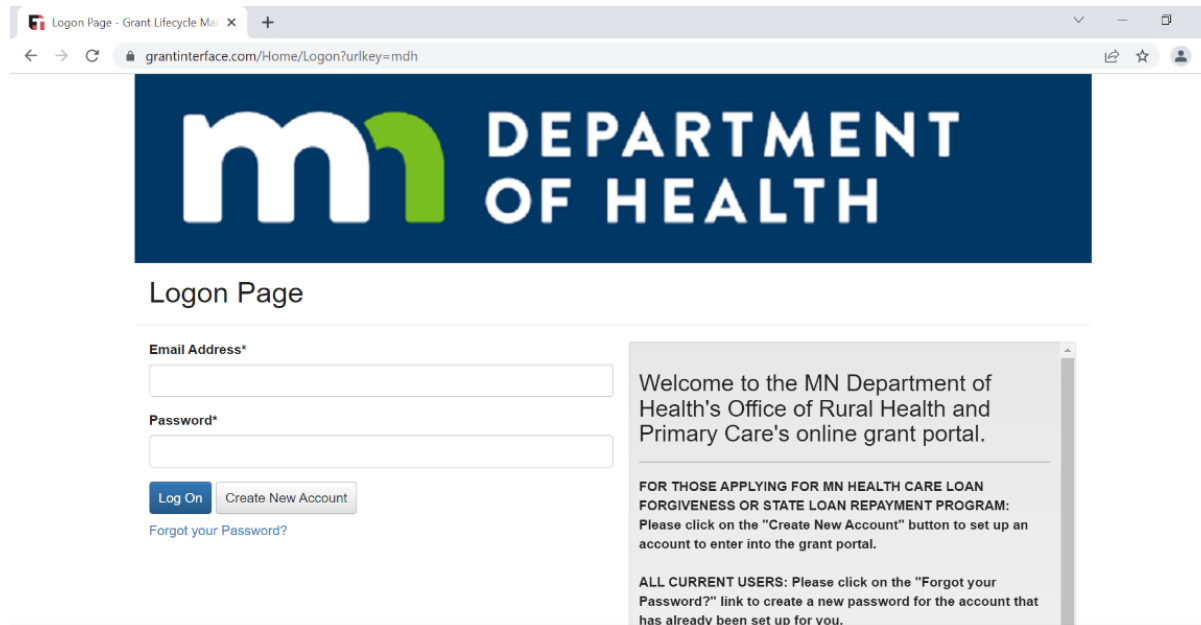
Eligible Expenses:

- Salaries
- Fringe
- Supplies
- Travel
- Equipment and Capital Improvements
- Contracted Services
- Other (Define)

Ineligible Expenses:

- Solicitating donations
- Taxes, except sales tax on goods and services
- Lobbyists, political contributions
- Bad debts, late payment fees, finance charges, or contingency funds
- Indirect expenses

Creating/Managing Users



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=mdh`. The page features the MN Department of Health logo at the top. Below the logo, the text "Logon Page" is displayed. The login form includes fields for "Email Address*" and "Password*", a "Log On" button, and a "Create New Account" button. A link for "Forgot your Password?" is also present. A sidebar on the right contains a welcome message and instructions for new and current users.

Logon Page

Email Address*

Password*

Log On Create New Account

[Forgot your Password?](#)

Welcome to the MN Department of Health's Office of Rural Health and Primary Care's online grant portal.

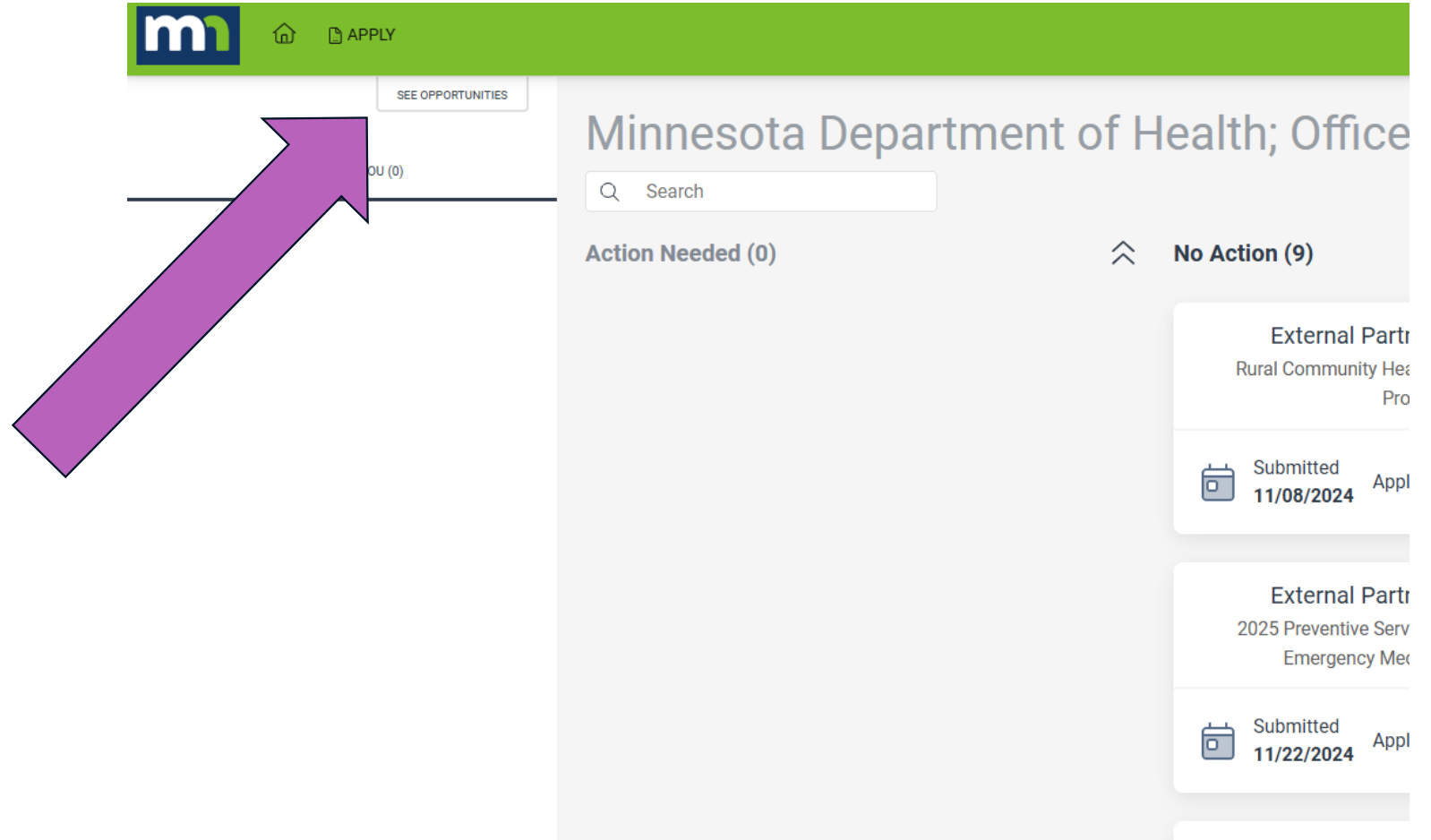
FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR MN HEALTH CARE LOAN FORGIVENESS OR STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM: Please click on the "Create New Account" button to set up an account to enter into the grant portal.

ALL CURRENT USERS: Please click on the "Forgot your Password?" link to create a new password for the account that has already been set up for you.

- Existing Users: log in or use the forgot password button
- New Users: verify your organization has or doesn't have a profile & create profile(s)
- If you are unsure of organization's status, reach out to MDH

See Application Opportunities

- Once you log in, select see opportunities in the upper left-hand corner of the screen



Starting an Application

- Find the FQHC Subsidy Grant – FY 2026 on the application screen
- Click apply to go to the application

Letter of Intent Sections

- 4 sections to complete plus certification
- Refer to NOGO for instructions
- Complete at your own pace
 - Save button vs. Submit button
- Due on October 10, 2025 at 4:30pm CT

LOI Section 1: Organization and Application Information

- Basic information about your organization including legal and business name, address, and tax identification number, this information will be used for contracting purposes.
- Important to note that applicant will be the individual to whom reports are assigned
- Collaboration is possible: can add others as collaborators in portal
- SWIFT information is very important – this is how MDH contracts
 - If unsure, contact SWIFT help desk: 651-201-8100 or swifthelpdesk.mmb@state.mn.us

LOI Section 2: Project Information

- Includes contact information for the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR), Fiscal Management Officer, and Contact Person for the Project Administration.

Section 3: Letter of Intent

- Organization Description
- The total number of sliding fee scale discounts in clinic from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 (pulled from UDS table 9D, #13e)
- The number of unduplicated patients seen from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024
- The total number of patient encounters from January 1, 2024-December 31, 2024.

Section 4: Required Documents

- UDS Report 9D

Budget and Narrative Application

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Application Section 3: Project Narrative and Workplan

Project Narrative

- Describe the project in detail and how it will be accomplished, i.e., the "who, what, when, where, and how" of a project.

Work Plan

- This section will also include listing the objectives (measurable goals) for the grant period. Under each objective the applicant will list all activities that the organization will complete in order to meet the objective. Each activity will also have an associated start and completion date as well as the role of the person responsible for execution.
- Note: Do not include names of individuals, only include job titles

Application Section 4: Budget

- Budget Narrative: Provide a detailed justification of the estimated project expenses to successfully meet the goals of the proposed project. The budget explanation should be broken down by each budget category. The narrative should provide information on the need for specific expenditures and how they will address the problem statement.
- The expenses included in the Grant Funds Requested column are those that will be supported by grant funds. The budget should be specific to the grant project described in the applicant's project narrative and is not intended to represent the organization's total budget.

Grant Contractual Obligations

- Work may not start prior to the full execution of the grant agreement and the project start date (January 1, 2026), whichever date is later
- Grant activities approved for payment are outlined in Exhibits A & B of the contract
 - Any activities outside of this must be approved prior to action
- Grantees must report on financial and programmatic quarterly during the grant period
- The grant agreement will end December 31, 2028

Sample Budget Example

Category	Annual Budget Year 1 – January 2026 – December 2026, must be fully spent by December 2026	One Time Funding Appropriation – January 2026 – December 2026, balances may carry over through December 2028	Total
Salary/Fringe	\$	\$	\$
Equipment	\$	\$	\$
Supplies	\$	\$	\$
Travel	\$	\$	\$
Contractual	\$	\$	\$
Other	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$	\$

Reporting on Grant Outcomes

Grantees will report to MDH on outcomes each quarter during the grant period. Reports will include but are not limited to questions pertaining to:

- Updates on progress towards completing activities
- Additional needs from the community
- Technical assistance requests

Grant Reporting:

- April 20
- July 20
- October 20
- January 20

Submitting Questions

- All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted via email to FQHC.Subsidy.MDH@state.mn.us
- Answers will be posted within 3 business days on the ORHPC Grants and Funding website
- [ORHPC Grants and Funding - MN Dept. of Health](#)
- Please submit questions no later than 4:30 p.m. Central Time on November 18, 2025.
- There will be a Q and A session for this grant on October 30th 11-12pm CT. Link to the teams meeting: [Join the meeting](#)

Land Acknowledgement

Every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed their hopes, dreams, and energy to making the history that led to this moment. In Minnesota, we are standing on the ancestral lands of the Dakota people. We want to acknowledge the history of this land, including the Dakota, the Ojibwe, the Ho-Chunk, and the other nations of people who also called this place home. Native peoples were removed unjustly, and we in this space are the beneficiaries of that removal. At MDH, as we understand that land is related to health, we want to be a good steward of the land we are on. This acknowledgement is just one piece of that. We understand the systemic racism, historic trauma, and genocide that has impacted Indigenous communities and peoples in our state.

We recognize that a land acknowledgement is a first step. We support this action with resources and shared decision-making to meet Tribal public health priorities and needs. With our Indigenous neighbors and coworkers, we can advance health equity and work to ensure all communities across the state are thriving and all people have what they need to be healthy.

We encourage state employees and the public to research the history of the lands we are on and if you are able, find Native-led events to attend, organizations to support, and causes to champion.

Thank You!

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651-201-5154

Link References

- [Minnesota Statute 145.9269
\(https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2025/1/3/laws.1.79.0#laws.1.79.0\)](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/2025/1/3/laws.1.79.0#laws.1.79.0)
- [United States Code, title 42, Section 254b
\(http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title42-section254b&num=0&edition=prelim\)](http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=granuleid:USC-prelim-title42-section254b&num=0&edition=prelim)
- [ORHPC Grants and Funding – MN Dept. of Health
\(https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/funding/grants/index.html#fqhc\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/funding/grants/index.html#fqhc)
- [October 30, 2025 Teams Meeting \(https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_N2E0ZTcwMDAtOGMzMjMi00MWE2LWI3MDQtZjk1OGRkNThkNWQw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22eb14b046-24c4-4519-8f26-b89c2159828c%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229bbca9fc-73d9-457e-badf-c899252b93f2%22%7d\)](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_N2E0ZTcwMDAtOGMzMjMi00MWE2LWI3MDQtZjk1OGRkNThkNWQw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22eb14b046-24c4-4519-8f26-b89c2159828c%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%229bbca9fc-73d9-457e-badf-c899252b93f2%22%7d)