



RECOMMENDED FUNDING FOR THE RURAL HEALTH SAFETY NET NOSORH FY 2013 Request (dollars in millions)

	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2011 Enacted	FY 2012 Enacted	FY 2013 NOSORH Request
State Offices of Rural Health	9.2	10	10	10	10
Rural Hospital Flexibility Grants	39.2	41.2	41.2	41.2	41.2
Rural Outreach & Network Grants	53.9	56	56	56	56
Rural Health Research/Policy	9.7	10	10	10	10

The **National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH)** is the membership organization of the fifty State Offices of Rural Health. NOSORH supports SORH and the communities and health care providers they serve in their efforts to improve access to, and the quality of, health care for America's 61 million rural citizens. The State Office of Rural Health Program creates a focal point within each State for rural health issues and links communities with State and Federal resources to help develop long-term solutions to rural health problems.

All 50 states maintain a State Office of Rural Health. These offices have a rich history of developing partnerships; creating and delivering programs; and providing resources and assistance that help meet the healthcare needs of rural Americans. State Offices of Rural Health:

- ✓ Serve as a clearinghouse for collecting/disseminating rural health information;
- ✓ Coordinate health programs and activities within their state to avoid duplication of effort;
- ✓ Help rural hospitals, clinics and other rural organizations seek Federal, state and other resources;
- ✓ Encourage the recruitment and retention of health professionals in rural areas; and
- ✓ Develop and strengthen Federal state and local partnerships that enhance rural health.

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