Michigan Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Update
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RHTP Recap

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- Created by H.R. 1 and administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS):
  - $50 billion nationwide over five years.
  - $10 billion awarded for program year 1.
    - Michigan was awarded $173,128,201.02.
    - Dec. 29, 2025, to Oct. 30, 2026.
    - All funds must be obligated by Oct. 30, 2026, and expended by Sept. 30, 2027.
    - Year 2 award expected soon.

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Michigan RHTP Budget Period (BP) 1

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Category	Amount
Personnel	$138,000
Fringe Benefits	$83,000
Travel	$1,500
Contractual	$158,588,281.02
Contractual Admin.	$14,317,420
Total Costs	**$173,128,201.02**

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Michigan RHTP Initiatives

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$26 million	$44.7 million	$48.7 million	$41.7 million
Transforming Rural Health through Partnerships Initiative	Workforce for Wellness Initiative	Interoperability in Action Initiative	Care Closer to Home Blueprint Initiative

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Tribal Government Partnership

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- Michigan RHTP includes a 5% carve-out for Tribal governments.
- Tribal partnership is a unique part of Michigan's RHTP that recognizes Tribal sovereignty, community priorities and Tribal governments' leadership in supporting the health and wellness of their communities.
- Through this partnership, Tribal governments implement RHTP strategies that reflect the needs and priorities of their own communities.

$8.6 million

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How RHTP Funding is Moving Across Michigan

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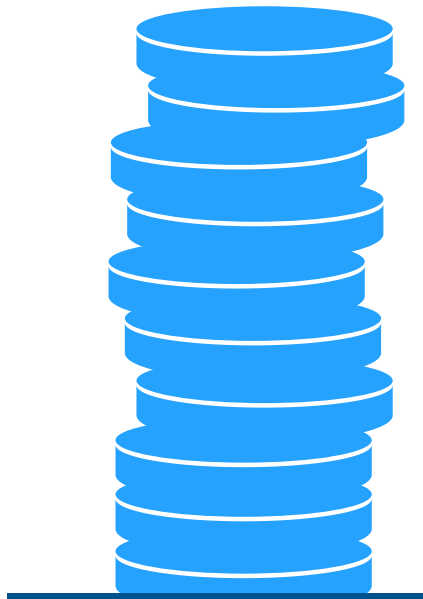
A specific organization type specified in the proposal with defined scope of work.

Letter of Intent (LOI) and Interagency Agreements (IAA) process.



$124.6M

Direct Grants

$48.4M

Proposal-Based Grants

Opportunities open to a wide array of rural health care providers.

Grant Funded Opportunity (GFO) process.

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RHTP Investments are Reaching Communities Across Michigan

As of September 2026:

$124

In Funding Allocated & CMS Approved

236

Subrecipients Across Michigan

58

Fully Rural Counties Reached

205

GFO Applications

RHTP Budget Period 1 Anticipated Distribution

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$71.5 M	Northern Lower Peninsula (29 counties)
$38.5 M	Upper Peninsula (15 counties)
$15 M	Central Michigan (6 counties)
$13.1 M	South Central (9 counties)
$11 M	Thumb (3 counties)
$6.3 M	West Michigan (5 counties)
$3.1 M	East Michigan (6 counties)
$3.1 M	Southwest (4 counties)
$1.1 M	Southeast (3 counties)
$1.1 M	Southeast Metro (3 counties)

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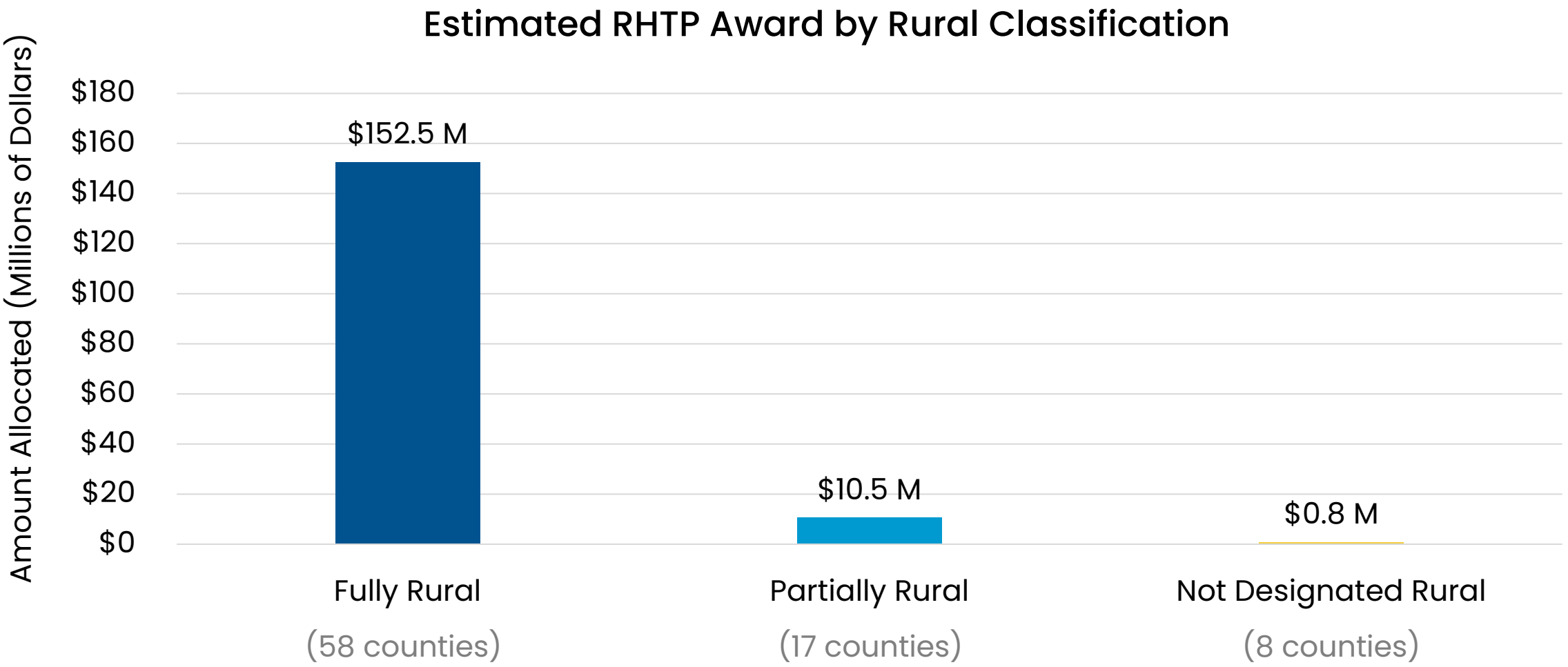

Michigan RHTP Advisory Council

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Support the development and implementation of an engagement strategy to strengthen collaboration with rural health partners, community leaders and residents throughout the program lifecycle.

Provide insight and feedback to improve partner participation during implementation and evaluation, ensuring that community and stakeholder perspectives inform ongoing refinement of initiatives.

Offer actionable recommendations to MDHHS to inform strategic direction and policy decisions across the Rural Health Transformation initiatives.

Serve as a bridge between state leadership, local stakeholders and rural communities to ensure transparent communication, and shared understanding of program priorities and outcomes.

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Twenty-one members representing varied disciplines and geography:

Community Mental Health Association	Michigan State Univ. - College of Human Medicine	Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions	Michigan Association of Ambulance Services	Central Michigan University	Saginaw Valley State University	Sanilac County Community Mental Health
Michigan Center for Rural Health	Northwest Michigan Health Services, Inc.	Kalkaska Memorial Health Center	Michigan Health Information Network	Michigan Health and Hospital Association	Bay Mills Health Center	ProMedica
Superior Health Foundation	Indian Health Services	Michigan Primary Care Association	Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital	District Health Dept. #10	PACE Association of Michigan	Northern Michigan University

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Looking Ahead to Budget Period 2 and Beyond

Looking Ahead

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BP 1

Dec. 29, 2025–Oct. 30, 2026

- Establish agreements.
- Understand CMS expectations.
- Confirm allowable investments.
- Launch projects.

BP 2

Oct. 31, 2026 – Oct. 30, 2027

- Strengthen projects.
- Focus investments.
- Plan for sustainability.
- Build momentum.

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Funding Timeline

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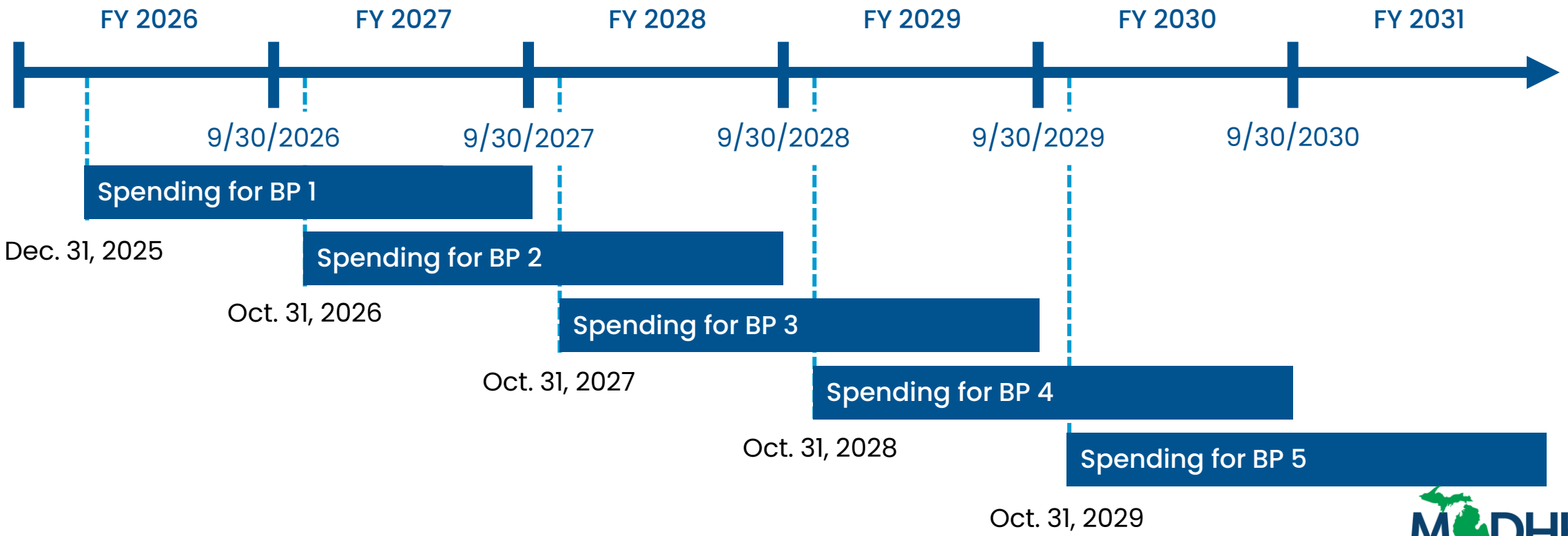
Program funding is appropriated from FY 2026 through FY 2030.

- Each federal fiscal year's funding aligns with five BPs.
- For each BP, recipients have until the end of the following federal fiscal year to spend awarded funding.



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Upcoming Milestones

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Oct. 15, 2026

CMS notifies states of **BP 2** awards.

Oct. 30, 2026

All funds for **BP 1** must be **obligated**.

Oct. 31, 2026

Beginning of CMS **BP 2**.

Sept. 30, 2027

All funds for **BP 1** must be **spent**.

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Broad Engagement Strategies

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Website will share program progress and promote transparency around RHTP governance and program structure. michigan.gov/rhtp

Dashboard will be available in 2027 and will share progress on key milestones and other relevant data to keep partners informed.

Annual **RHTP Summit** will provide an opportunity to ensure MDHHS receives direct feedback from rural residents, partners and providers

Listserv will provide ongoing updates, announcements and engagement opportunities.

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Questions & Discussion

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