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USDA Seeks Applications to Improve Health Care for People in the Delta Region

WASHINGTON, May 2, 2023 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Xochitl Torres Small today announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to improve health care for people living in persistent poverty counties in the Delta region.

USDA is making up to \$3 million in grants available through the [Delta Health Care Services Grant Program](#). The program is a collaborative effort among health care professionals, institutions of higher education, research centers and other entities. The funding may be used to support activities such as health education programs, health care services, job training in health care fields, and developing or expanding public health facilities. To qualify for a grant, applicants must be a consortium of regional institutions of higher education, academic health and research institutes, and/or economic development entities located within the Delta Region.

The minimum grant award is \$50,000. The maximum award is \$1 million. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis.

The [Delta Region](#) is defined as 252 counties and parishes in Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

USDA is particularly interested in applications that will advance Biden-Harris Administration priorities to:

- Reduce climate pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.
- Ensure all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects; and
- Help rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure.

Additional information on these key priorities is available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points>.

Applications must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time July 3, 2023, through [Grants.gov](#).

For additional information, see page 27434 of the May 2, 2023, [Federal Register](#).

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