

Are there preferences for selection?

Preference will be given to a community organization that supports a primary care provider who:

- Received his/her training in West Virginia
- Has ties to a rural community
- Demonstrated a commitment to serving in an underserved area
- Has experience in community service in an underserved area

What are the benefits?

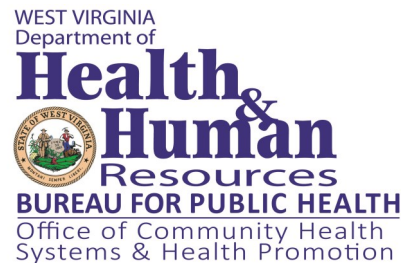
A community may apply for a grant in an amount up to \$10,000 per application on a matching dollar-for-dollar basis.

When can you apply?

The application cycle begins March 1 each year and applications are accepted until funding is depleted. Awards are made mid-July.

A sponsored candidate's service obligation may run concurrently with the Health Sciences Scholarship Program.

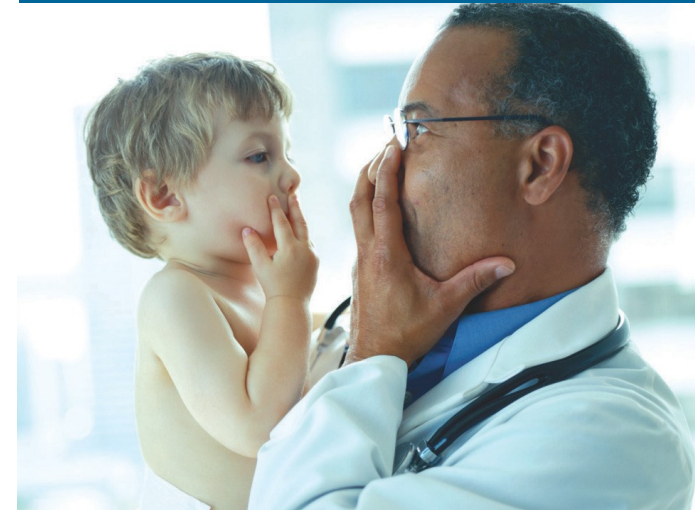
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**West Virginia
Recruitment and
Retention Community
Project (RRCP)**

What is RRCP?

The Recruitment and Retention Community Project (RRCP) is administered by the Division of Rural Health and Recruitment, Office of Community Health Systems and Health Promotion within the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health. It offers grants to rural West Virginia communities to optimize their recruitment and retention incentives. Grants are available in the following categories:

- Loan repayment
- Residency stipend
- Loan forgiveness
- Locum tenens
- Other categories approved by the Bureau



What are the requirements for the community?

A community organization must meet the following criteria:

- Located in a Medically Underserved Community (MUC), an area that may or may not meet the federal definition of a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) or Medically Underserved Area (MUA), and has had difficulty in recruiting health care providers
- Provide a full continuum of care
- Accept all patients regardless of ability to pay
- Provide 50% matching dollars

What are the requirements for the candidate?

A sponsored candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be a primary care provider:
 - Family Practice
 - Internal Medicine
 - Pediatrics
 - Obstetrics/Gynecology
 - Psychiatry
 - Dentistry
 - Pharmacy
 - Nurse Practitioner
 - Nurse Midwife
 - Physician Assistant
 - ER Physician
 - Physician Assistant
- Agree to provide a full-time clinical practice for a minimum of one year for each year of funding

