

## STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

### USDA Seeks Applications to Improve Health Care in the Delta Region

**WASHINGTON, May 13, 2022** – 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 facing persistent poverty 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 [Delta Region](#) is defined as 252 counties and parishes in Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee.

USDA is offering [priority points](#) to projects that advance key priorities under the Biden-Harris Administration to help communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, advance equity, and combat climate change. These extra points will increase the likelihood of funding for projects that will advance these key priorities in rural America.

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

Applications must be submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time July 12, 2022, through [Grants.gov](#).

For additional information, see page 29273 of the May 13, 2022, [Federal Register](#).

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