



North Carolina Office of Rural Health

2024 Profile (Data from State Fiscal Year 2024)

Grant Facts

\$80.3M

Available grant funding (federal, state, philanthropic)

\$15.5M

Special Appropriations funding

257

Jobs (full-time and part-time) supported in local communities

566

Contracts to support communities

Direct Services

364,462

Patients served

80%

Of ORH funding is spent directly on communities

\$92.11

Average annual contribution of state funds per patient



73%

Patients with well controlled diabetes, as evidenced by A1c levels <= 9



68%

Patients with well controlled hypertension, as evidenced by blood pressure levels <= 140/90



68%

Patients screened for obesity through Body Mass Index (BMI) testing



79%

Patients screened for tobacco cessation and treatment

Overview

In 1973, the North Carolina Office of Rural Health (ORH) became the first State Office of Rural Health in the Nation. Created to focus on the needs of rural and underserved communities, ORH continues to empower communities and populations by developing strategies to improve quality and cost-effectiveness of health care for all. While ORH does not provide direct care, its programs support numerous health care safety net organizations throughout the state. Continued support and recurring funding for ORH strengthened North Carolina's health care safety net infrastructure to ensure that all of the state's medically vulnerable residents (Uninsured, Underinsured, Medicare and Medicaid) have access to affordable and appropriate high quality primary care. It is a conservative estimate that the State's primary care safety net system serves 973,000 vulnerable, uninsured residents in 2022 (American Community Survey, US Census Bureau).

Special Appropriations

In SFY 2024, ORH was directed to administer \$15.5 million in special appropriations from the NC General Assembly to disperse funds for specific projects or to specific health care organizations in North Carolina.

Office of Rural Health Programs:

Rural Hospital: Fund operational improvement projects for the benefit of all critical access hospitals and eligible small rural hospitals

Medication Assistance: Provide free and low-cost medications donated by pharmaceutical manufacturers to patients who cannot afford them

Health Information Technology/Telehealth: Provide technical assistance to improve the use of Health Information Technology and adaptation of telehealth.

Analytics & Innovations: Support data analytics, community health initiatives, and demonstration projects that benefit vulnerable populations

Placement and HPSA Services: Recruit providers and designate health professional shortage areas

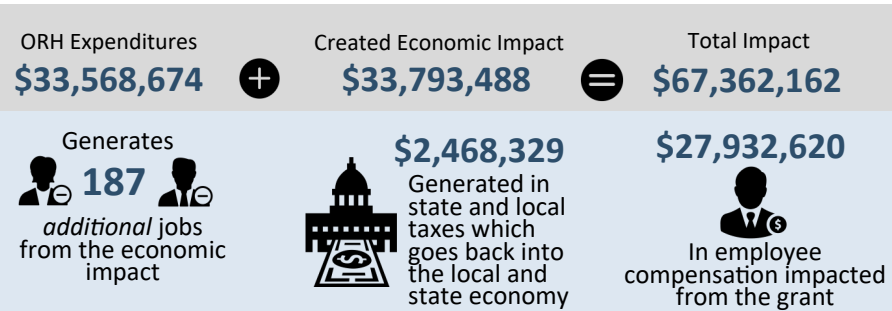
Rural Health Operations: Support state designated rural health centers that serve the entire community

Community Health Grants: Support the primary care safety net system with increasing access to health care for vulnerable populations

NC Farmworker Health: Support medical, dental and educational services for members of the North Carolina agricultural labor force and their families

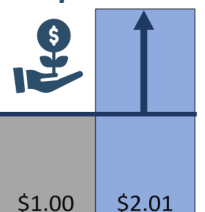
Return On Investment and Economic Impact

Source: IMPLAN



Each ORH grant dollar has a total economic impact of

\$2.01



*Economic impact is estimated to be much greater because improved health outcomes can lead to fewer missed work days, reduced health care costs, and reduced premature morbidity and mortality. Some expenses such as out of state purchases, overhead, and rollover payments are not captured for ROI and economic impact.

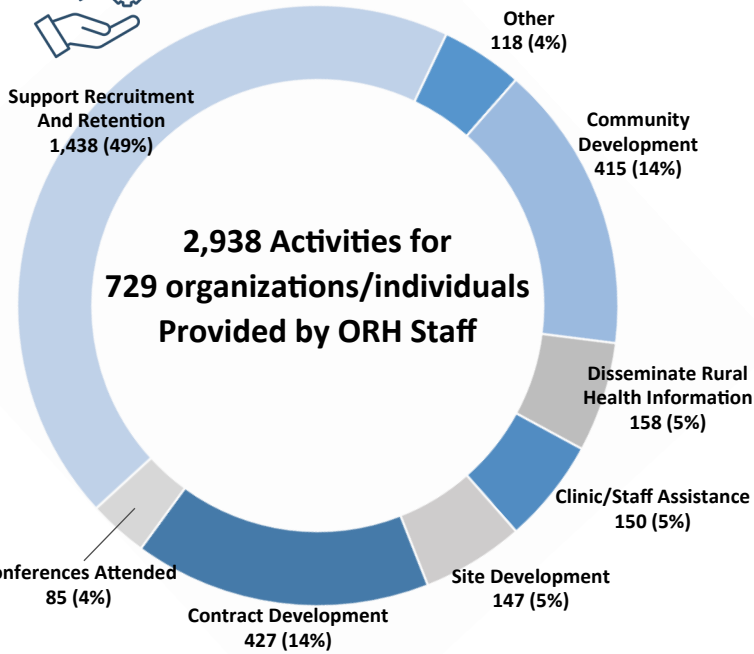


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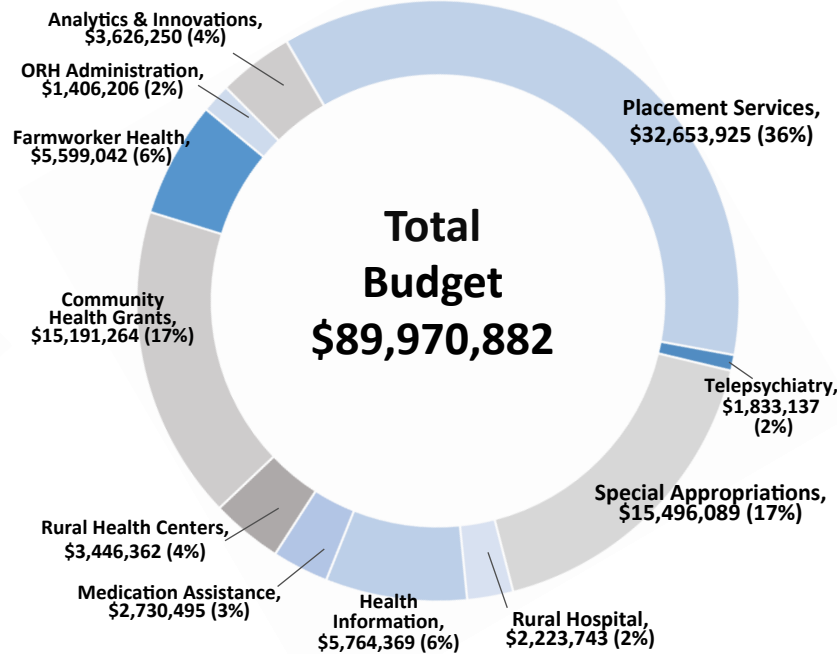
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Technical Assistance



Division Budget

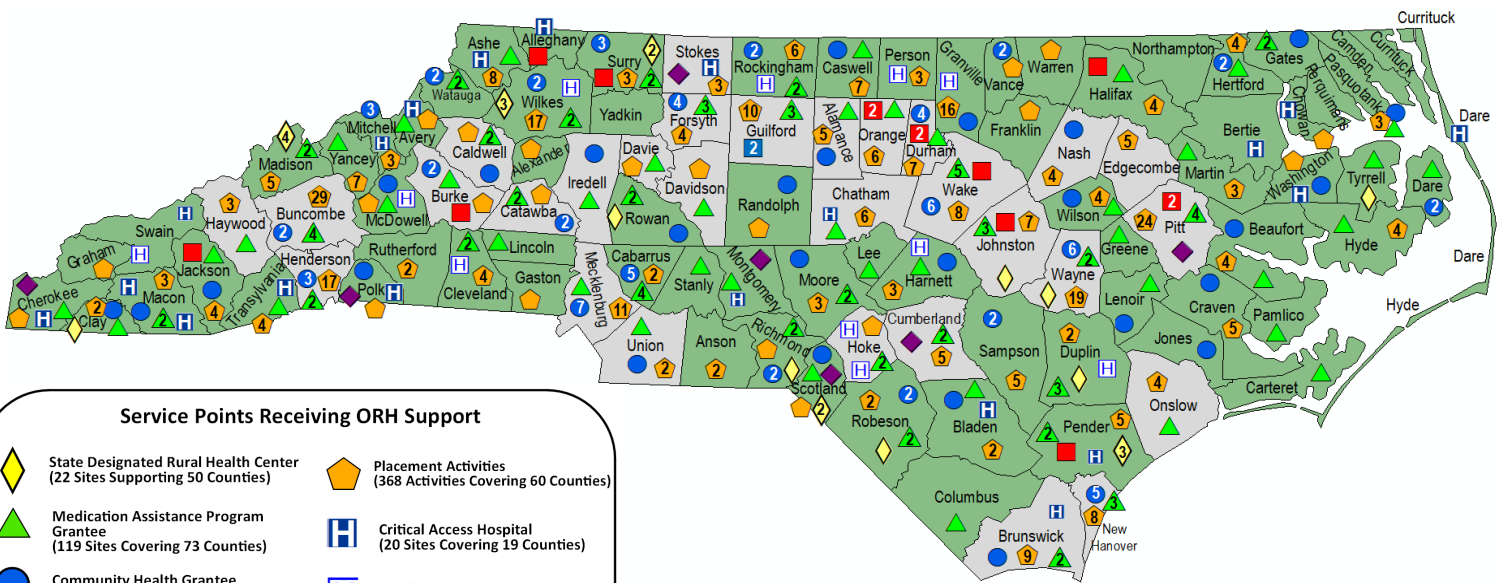


Program Reach

159
Agencies funded

100
Total counties covered

70
Rural counties covered



Service Points Receiving ORH Support

- State Designated Rural Health Center (22 Sites Supporting 50 Counties)
- Medication Assistance Program Grantee (119 Sites Covering 73 Counties)
- Community Health Grantee (100 Grantees Supporting 98 Counties)
- Farmworker Health Grantee (14 Grantees Supporting 70 Counties)
- Placement Activities (368 Activities Covering 60 Counties)
- Critical Access Hospital (20 Sites Covering 19 Counties)
- Small Rural Hospital (12 Sites Covering 11 Counties)
- Virtual Behavioral Health Grantee (7 Grantees Covering 7 Counties)

- Rural County (71 Counties)
- Urban County (29 Counties)

*Numbers inside of symbols indicate number of sites, grantees, or placements, based on symbol

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