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**THOMAS JEFFERSON PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
ANNOUNCES \$11.8 MILLION in RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM FUNDING**

Charlottesville, Virginia, October 23, 2026 — The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) has been selected to receive an \$11.8 million award to help bring healthcare closer to the places where rural residents live and work. TJPDC is partnering with the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) to administer the Mobile and Hybrid Care sub-initiative, a program of Virginia's Rural Health Transformation Program's (RHTP) "Connected Care, Closer to Home" initiative. Funding is focused on projects benefiting eligible rural residents within the TJPDC, the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) and George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) regions, to include the counties of Caroline, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, King George, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock. The funding is part of over \$189 million in the Rural Health Transformation Fund for 2027 providing resources to rural healthcare providers, to expand access to care across Virginia, to invest in innovative technology, and to strengthen the rural healthcare workforce.

This funding will be awarded to health care providers through a competitive application process, with the TJPDC anticipating at least five (5) awards. The program is intended to expand access to primary, preventative, specialty, diagnostic, behavioral health, dental, vision, and other healthcare services in rural areas of Virginia. Eligible projects may include mobile care units, telehealth access points and kiosks, clinics-in-a-box, electronic consultations, rural care hubs, hob-and-spoke models, technology-enabled care, and other innovative mobile or hybrid approaches.

"This funding provides a significant opportunity to confront barriers that make accessing healthcare difficult in rural communities," said TJPDC Executive Director Christine Jacobs. "We are looking for projects that respond to demonstrated local needs and use mobile services, technology, partnerships, or other innovative approaches to bring healthcare closer to our neighbors who need it."

TJPDC is seeking applications from organizations capable of receiving and administering federal funding, including nonprofit and governmental organizations, health systems, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, educational institutions, healthcare providers, community-based organizations, and other qualified entities. **A Request for Applications (RFA) was issued October 23, 2026, and is available at <https://tjpdcc.org/rfa-rural-health-transformation/>. Completed applications are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, November 23, 2026. Awards are expected to be announced by Friday, January 8, 2027.** Organizations interested in applying or seeking additional information can review the complete RFA at <https://tjpdcc.org/rfa-rural-health-transformation/>. Applications will be reviewed competitively, with attention to community impact, the quality of the proposed approach, and the project's ability to reach rural residents.

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**About the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC)**

The TJPDC is a regional planning agency that offers a broad range of services in the areas of transportation; community and economic development; land-use planning; housing; environmental programming; broadband expansion; rural health; and legislative services. The TJPDC serves the member governments within Planning District 10, which includes the City of Charlottesville and the Counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson.

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