



Health Care Workforce Program Updates

Presentation for
Patient Protection Commission

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Agenda

Purpose: Discuss updates regarding NVHA workforce programs.

1 Graduate Medical Education (GME)

2 Rural Health Transformation (RHT)

3 Statewide Health Care Access and Recruitment Program (SHARP)

NVHA Health Care Workforce Programs

Working together to power Nevada's health workforce.

Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program

- **Statewide**
- **\$15.8 million** available in SFY26 to create, expand or retain programs for residency and postdoctoral fellowships, approved by the ACGME.
- **Next steps:** subawards issued by June 30, 2026. Start on RFA for SFY27 to be released in Fall with **\$4.5 million** available.

RHT: Workforce Recruitment & Rural Access Program (WRRAP)

- **Rural & frontier** Nevada per [HRSA definitions](#)
- **\$71.9 million** available in BP1 (12/29/25 – 10/30/26) to attract and retain physicians and a wide variety of other health care provider types in rural areas of the state with specific retention strategies to ensure WRRAP recipients serve rural Nevada.
- **Next steps:** subawards issued no later than October 1, 2026.

Statewide Health Care Access & Recruitment Program (SHARP)

- **Statewide**
- **\$57.9 million** available in SFY27 to address shortages of health care providers, clinical services, or expertise; or difficulties in accessing health care as identified by the biennial health care needs assessment.
- **Next steps:** RFA issued July 14, 2026; all projects recommended for funding will be subject to IFC approval.



Workforce Programs

Graduate Medical Education (GME)

- GME Advisory Council Responsibilities
- GME Grant Round VIII Subawards

GME Advisory Council Responsibilities

1

Evaluate applications for competitive grants for the GME grant program and make recommendations to the NVHA.

- [NRS 223.635\(1\)](#)
- [SB262](#) Sec. 5
- [SB 494](#) Sec. 6

2

Study and make recommendations to NVHA, the Governor, and the Legislature concerning:

- The **creation and retention** of Nevada programs for residency training and postdoctoral fellowships that are approved by ACGME; and
- The **recruitment and retention** of physicians necessary to meet the health care needs of Nevada residents, with the emphasis on those health care needs.
 - NRS 223.635(2)

3

In collaboration with NVHA, the Advisory Council shall explore ways to use **federal financial participation in Medicaid** to support programs for medical residency training and postdoctoral fellowships in Nevada.

- SB262 Sec. 7.7

GME Grant Program: Round VIII

Statutory Use of Funds: Award competitive grants to NV institutions to create, expand, or retain ACGME-approved residency or fellowship programs.

Subrecipient	GME Program	Awarded Amount
Carson Tahoe Health	Family Medicine Residency	\$2,707,094
Dignity Health St. Rose Dominican Hospital	Internal Medicine Residency	\$1,722,415
Dignity Health St. Rose Dominican Hospital	Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine Fellowship	\$1,279,352
University Medical Center	Diagnostic Radiology Residency	\$2,100,000
UNLV, School of Medicine	Ophthalmology Residency	\$2,995,890
UNLV, School of Medicine	Otolaryngology Residency	\$401,397
UNR, School of Medicine	General Surgery Residency	\$1,672,444
UNR, School of Medicine	Obstetrics & Gynecology Residency	\$1,957,173
UNR, School of Medicine	Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine Fellowship	\$919,503



Total Awarded in Grant Round VIII = **\$15,755,268**
Total GME Programs Funded = **9**



Workforce Programs

Nevada's Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program

- Updates for Budget Period 1
- Funded Projects Overview
- Rural Workforce Focus

Rural Health Transformation Initiatives

Nevada awarded nearly \$180M in Budget Period 1 (BP1). Funds under these subawards in BP1 must be **obligated** by October 30, 2026, and **liquidated** (i.e., fully spent) by the State no later than September 30, 2027.

Rural Health Outcomes Accelerator Program

\$26.9 million to fund evidence-based initiatives intended to improve rural health outcomes in areas of chronic disease prevention and management, access to primary care/preventative services, maternal and infant health, and behavioral health care.

RFA released May 8

Rural Health Innovation & Technology

\$26.9 million to fund innovation and technology solutions that fill gaps in health care services in rural Nevada. RHIT is a targeted investment in expanding rural participation in CMS Aligned Networks and the CMS Health Technology Ecosystem.

RFA released May 12



Workforce Recruitment & Rural Access Program

\$71.9 million to attract and retain physicians and a wide variety of other provider types in rural areas with specific retention strategies to ensure provider beneficiaries of these funds serve rural Nevada.

3 RFAs released: two on March 31; one on May 8

Rural Health Flex Fund Grant Program

\$35.9 million to fund capital expenditures and equipment that will enhance and modernize local rural and frontier health care infrastructures.

RFA released March 16

NVHA's core principles for the RHT Grant Program

- RHT funds must **benefit rural health care systems**, including the hospital systems that are the heart of most rural Nevada communities per the intent of the RHT amendment to HR 1.
- Grantee requests must work with rural & frontier communities to garner **support and participation** in proposals prior to asking for funds.
- RHT awards and programming if ongoing must have a **budget and sustainability plan** that does not solely rely on future approval of new state general funds (which includes increases to Medicaid) by the Nevada Legislature.

RHT Notable Progress and Outcomes

Budget Period 1 (BP1) Updates

- ✓ 10 RFAs released across all four initiatives
- ✓ High statewide engagement (hundreds of applications received)
- ✓ First LOIs issued June 29th, launching CMS review and subrecipient negotiations
- ✓ **Goal: execute all subawards by October 1st**



RFAs Released

LOIs & negotiations

Final subawards

BP1 RHT Program: RFA Stats Snapshot

Flex Fund

37 partners funded
103 applications
\$188.6M requested

Tribal Health Transformation

5 Tribes funded
6 applications
\$11.8M requested

RHOAP

37 partners funded
65 applications
\$42.5M requested

RHIT

23 partners funded
38 applications
\$37.5M requested

WRRAP Recruitment & Retention

27 partners funded
41 applications
\$45M requested

WRRAP Apprenticeship & Training

21 partners funded
35 applications
\$34.5M requested

WRRAP GME

4 partners funded
4 applications
\$4.8M requested

Veterans, Corrections, & Presidential Fitness Test

4 agencies funded
4 applications
\$4.6M requested

Sampling of BP1 Rural Workforce Projects

New rural
obstetrics
fellowship

New rural
family
medicine
residency

New
statewide
Rural GME
Consortium

New APRN fellowship
program

Retention Bonus
Structure for Medical
Staff and Support Staff

Recruitment of Various
Providers and Support
Staff:

- Behavioral Health
- Pediatric
- Cardiology
- Dental
- Surgical & Emergency

Professional Development
Programs for Competency
Advancement

Apprenticeship &
Clinical Placement
Expansion

Tribal Clinical
Rotations

Simulation
Training Center

New Education Programs in
Sonography, Dental Assistant,
& Social Worker

School-Based
Behavioral Health

Health Care
Career Exploration
Program (K-12)





Workforce Programs

Statewide Health Care Access and Recruitment Program (SHARP)

- Open Request for Applications (RFA)
- Next Steps

SHARP RFA Now Open!

- Published July 14, 2026
- \$57,900,000 in SHARP funding available
- View the Request for Applications (RFA) here: [SHARP RFA](#)
- **Application Deadline:** September 9, 2026



SB5 (2025 Special Session) Goals & Implementation

Support workforce capacity and sustainable health care in Nevada.

SB5

- New SGF Account
- NVHA Grant Program
- IFC approval on all SHARP grant awards
- 1-time appropriation of \$60 million
- 3.5% to NVHA to administer the SHARP

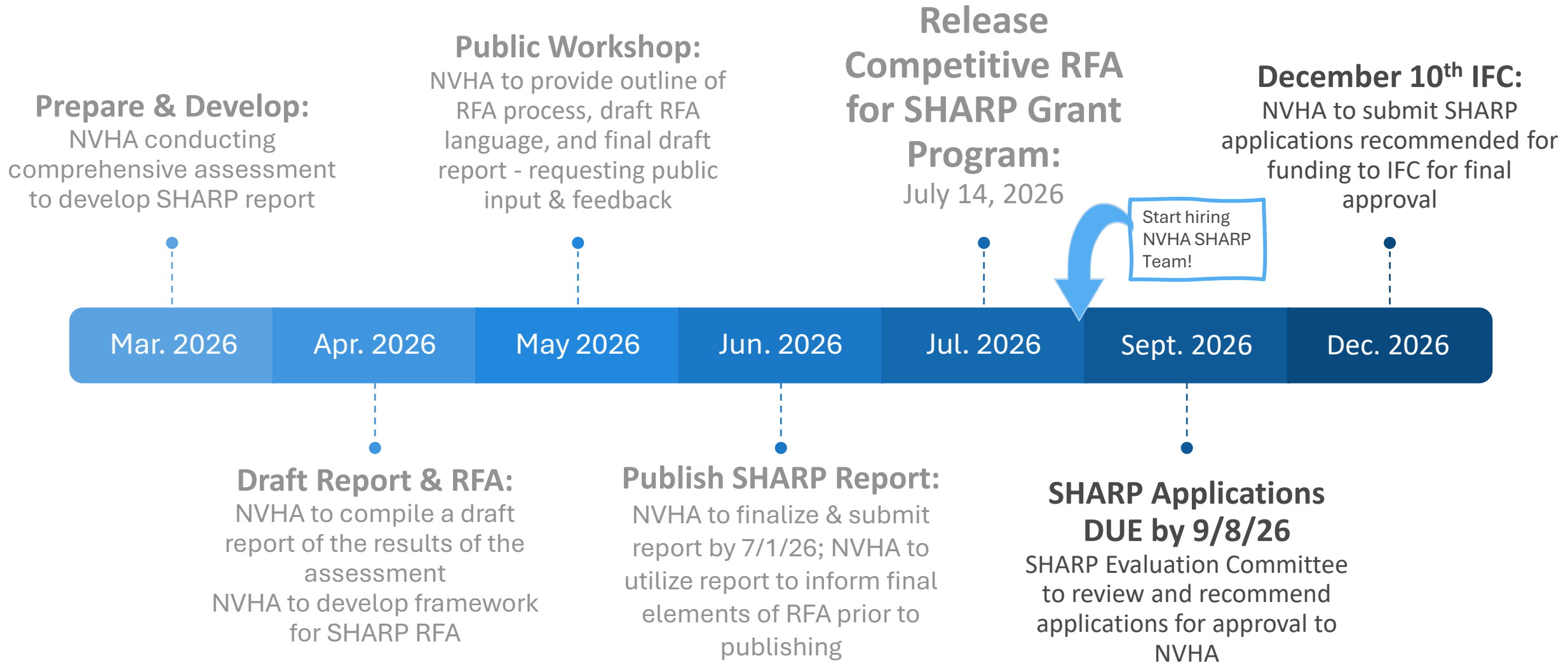
Requirements

- Biennial SHARP assessment & report
- SHARP awards to specific entities to address:
 - Shortages of health care providers or clinical services or expertise, and
 - Difficulties in accessing health care as identified in the SHARP Assessment

NVHA SHARP Implementation

- Compile initial assessment
- Develop SHARP report: [Nevada Health Care Workforce Needs Assessment for 2026](#)
- Develop & implement SHARP request for application (RFA) process, resulting in subawards
- Staff to administer and sustain SHARP

Next Steps



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- Nevada's RHT webpage: [Rural Health Transformation](#)
- SHARP webpage: [Statewide Health Care Access and Recruitment Program](#)