



## **Type of Application: CAH Strategic, Financial, and Operational Assessment**

### **North Dakota State Office of Rural Health Application Form CAH Strategic, Financial and Operational Assessment**

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is released on behalf of the North Dakota Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program and the State Office of Rural Health (SORH). The North Dakota Flex Program is administered by the University of North Dakota Center for Rural Health, School of Medicine & Health Sciences. Its partners include the North Dakota Hospital Association, the North Dakota EMS Association, and Quality Health Associates of North Dakota (North Dakota's quality improvement organization). The Flex Program's Steering Committee is comprised of one or more members from each of the partners. The North Dakota Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Subcontract Program is designed to support the goals of the Flex and SORH programs by supporting rural hospitals in remaining viable to maintain

access to care for rural North Dakotans. Funding for this program is supported through the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program, the State Office of Rural Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These programs are funded through the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP), Department of Health and Human Services.

All North Dakota CAHs are eligible to apply for Flex subcontract funding. A CAH may submit more than one application; however, may only have one active subcontract for each area of focus. Expenses for proposed activities cannot be incurred prior to award. A separate online application must be submitted for each area of focus

Managing long-term financial performance during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) and post-PHE has great significance on the survival of small, rural CAHs. This activity will take the form of financial consultation for financial and operational assessment/education, with the objective of increasing hospital revenue and cash flow while better positioning the CAH for Top 100 CAH designation. The Flex Program will cover one subcontract in its entirety for a strategic, financial and operational assessment performed by The Chartis Group, a qualified

accounting firm with history and experience in the area of healthcare finance.

## Hospital Information

Hospital Name

County

Address

Phone Number

Name of Contact Person

Email Address of Contact Person

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Provide a brief description of why your facility should be selected to complete a Strategic, Financial, and Operational Assessment.

List any financial or operational areas of concern for your facility that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Include your goals and their anticipated project deliverables for conducting a Strategic, Financial, and Operational Assessment. Specify the date range you are able to complete the assessment within. (i.e. “We are flexible and able to work on this assessment upon funding notification through the funding end date of 5/31/23.”) All project activities must be completed by May 31, 2023. If you prefer to upload a workplan you may do so.

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Upload workplan (optional - may include as a supplement/replacement of the goals, action steps, deliverables, and timeline).

Provide a description of anticipated outcomes. What is the intended plan for using the information/resources obtained through this project? Explain the plan for results and follow-through.

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Please identify the individual responsible for management and oversight of this project and include contact information.

Contact Name

Contact's Title

Email

Contact's Signature

**SIGN HERE**

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Hospital official authorized to enter into contract:

Name

Title

Email

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