



About Technical Assistance

Free, expert support for rural health organizations across Oregon, through the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP).

✓ Always free • No award or project required • Request anytime through September 2027 ✓

What Is Technical Assistance?

Technical assistance is hands-on expert help, matched to whatever your organization or region is trying to figure out. It is delivered by Oregon Office of Rural Health (ORH) staff and a bank of contracted partners with deep experience in rural health finance, quality, workforce, data and systems design at no cost to you. **TA is scoped to your needs, not to a fixed package:** a two-hour conversation, a written feasibility analysis, a facilitated regional planning session or coaching that continues for months. You do not need a funding award, a finished plan, or even a fully formed idea to reach out, feel free to just connect for help.

Why Organizations Reach Out

What we hear	How TA can help
"We have an idea for a shared service across our region, but we don't know if the numbers would work."	Feasibility analysis, financial modeling and operational planning
"Several organizations here want to work together, but we need someone neutral to get us there."	Facilitation, coalition building and shared governance design
"We want to apply for RHTP funding, but we've never written a proposal this size."	Grant development, budget and logic model templates and feedback on drafts
"We need to show what our community actually needs, with real data."	GIS mapping, community health data and population health analytics
"We can't keep the staff we recruit."	Workforce recruitment and retention strategy, including EMS support
"A different care or payment model might serve us better, but we don't know where to start."	Strategic planning, care transformation and value-based payment readiness

The Goal: Ready Communities, Strong Proposals

At the end of Year 2, the Oregon Health Authority will open a funding opportunity for regional rural health projects. This TA program aims to ensure that when that moment arrives, your region is not starting from scratch. Between now and then, TA can help you test whether an idea is viable, build the partnerships a competitive regional proposal requires, gather the data that makes your case, strengthen your operations and quality of care and sharpen the application itself.

The work you do now is what makes a strong proposal possible later. Regions that use this year to build relationships and do the groundwork will be far better positioned than those that wait.

How to Request TA

1. Complete the [TA Request form](#) or email the TA Specialist directly at dickard@ohsu.edu. **2. We follow up** to understand the need and scope the right support. **3. You are connected** with the ORH staff member or contracted partner best suited to help, free of charge.

Requests are accepted anytime between now and Sept. 2027.

Contact Kenna Dickard, TA Specialist — dickard@ohsu.edu | 541-460-6432

The full menu of available TA services is on the reverse.

Menu of Technical Assistance Services

Every service below is free to your organization and is scoped to your specific needs.

Application and Funding Support (RHTP Awards)

- 1:1 application consultation
- Draft application review with written feedback
- Application webinars and recorded trainings
- Templates: budget, logic model, project plan
- Help connecting with potential consortium partners
- Post-award implementation and reporting support

Specialized TA

- Maternity care coalition building
- Rural EMS modernization and workforce support
- Workforce recruitment and retention strategy
- Health IT strategy and implementation
- Data governance frameworks

Quality, Clinical and Care Transformation

- Quality improvement coaching
- Care transformation and value-based payment readiness
- Behavioral health integration
- Clinical workflow redesign
- Learning collaboratives
- Maternal health quality improvement

Strategy, Data and Systems Planning

- Strategic planning and facilitation
- Organizational/systems assessment
- Payment model design
- Population health management and social drivers of health strategy
- Population health data analytics and reporting
- Health IT/EHR optimization

Financial, Grants and Regional Support

- Hospital and clinic financial and operations analysis
- Return on investment analysis
- Grant application development and proposal writing
- RHC compliance, billing and conversion support
- GIS mapping and community health data
- Population health and telehealth
- Mobile integrated health (MIH) program support

Don't see what you need? Ask anyway — this list is not exhaustive.