

Esmeralda County, Nevada
Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Grant Program
Flex Portion – Application 1

Project Title:

Enhancement of Wellness, Primary Care, Telehealth, and Emergency Medical Response Services in Esmeralda County

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Scope of Work

This Scope of Work outlines the activities and investments Esmeralda County is proposing under its initial application for the Flex portion of the Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Grant Program. These initiatives form the first phase of a multi-step effort to expand access to primary care, establish comprehensive telehealth services, enhance facility readiness, and strengthen emergency medical response capabilities in the communities of Goldfield, Gold Point, Silver Peak, and Dyer (Fish Lake Valley).

As part of this effort, **Esmeralda County is working collaboratively with Nye County's Tonopah Hospital Board of Directors and the Town of Tonopah** to secure qualified medical providers to staff the wellness clinic, the Silver Peak satellite examination room, and the Fish Lake Valley nursing station. This partnership will expand regional service capacity and promote long-term sustainability as the County increases access to healthcare.

In the same **spirit of collaboration, the Esmeralda County School District** has offered the use of an existing, school-owned building to house the Goldfield wellness clinic at no cost to the County, apart from routine maintenance and utilities.

Esmeralda County is also **partnering with Great Basin College for the development and administration of the RHT Grant**. Great Basin College has agreed to prepare the Flex Grant application at no cost to the County. As part of the overall grant administration, Great Basin College

will charge a 10% administration fee of the total grant award which will be written in and included in the grant award amount to manage the grant on behalf of Esmeralda County.

The elements of the grant are outlined below.

1. Renovation of School Building for Wellness Clinic

Renovate the designated school building to prepare it for use as a community wellness clinic. Work includes interior modifications, utility improvements, accessibility upgrades, and structural or functional updates necessary to support non-emergency wellness and primary care services.

2. Renovation of Silver Peak Firehouse for Satellite Clinic Examination Room

Renovate a portion of the Silver Peak Firehouse to create a dedicated examination room. Work includes interior construction, installation of required utilities, and upgrades needed to meet clinical standards for routine wellness care and primary services.

3. Equipment Acquisition and Installation at All Sites

Purchase and install all necessary medical and operational equipment to support wellness and primary care services at:

- The school-based wellness clinic
- The Silver Peak Firehouse satellite examination room
- The existing Fish Lake Valley nursing station

Equipment will support routine examinations, basic clinical functions, telehealth access, and wellness programming.

4. Telehealth Program Implementation Across All Facilities

Acquire and install technology required to establish a fully functional telehealth program at all three locations, including:

- Telehealth-capable diagnostic tools
- Secure communication and video systems
- Telemedicine carts or workstations
- Network and connectivity upgrades needed for reliable remote care

This will ensure consistent, accessible, and dependable telehealth services countywide.

5. Procurement of Ambulances for Community Emergency Response

Purchase three ambulances, assigning one to each community:

- Goldfield
- Silver Peak
- Dyer (Fish Lake Valley)

Ambulances will be housed in the existing ambulance barns in each of the three communities. They will be equipped to provide emergency pickup and initial stabilization during transport.

Emergency stabilization will occur exclusively within the ambulances and during transport; clinic facilities will not provide emergency stabilization services.

As part of the procurement process, Esmeralda County will pursue collaboration with surrounding counties—including Mineral County—to identify opportunities for joint purchasing or shared vendor agreements that may help reduce overall costs. Cooperative purchasing may support more efficient acquisition of ambulance units, equipment, and related supplies.

6. Full Time Emergency Medical Coverage

Secure full time 24/7 emergency medical staffing in Goldfield, Silver Peak, and Dyer. To meet the shortened initial program deadlines and expenditure dates this initial emergency response coverage will be provided through a third-party contract with a paramedic provider company such as Battle Born or another qualified emergency medical services providers. This would also include Emergency flight coverage for all residents of Esmeralda County

This initial contract position will be stationed in Goldfield and capable to respond to all incidents as needed throughout Esmeralda County and surrounding mutual aid areas increasing collaboration and support to neighboring agencies.

Utilizing a third-party contract company will ensure immediate and reliable emergency coverage while Esmeralda County works to establish a sustainable, long-term emergency response staffing model. This contractual support will remain in place only as long as necessary to build a county-managed system.

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