

TABLE 1—RECIPIENT(S) AND AWARD AMOUNT(S)

Grant No.	Award recipient name	City, state	Award amount
UF5MC32750	National Institute for Children's Health Quality	Boston, MA	\$500,000

Justification: NICHQ, as the current Healthy Start Technical Assistance and Support Center (TASC), provides national technical assistance and support to all HRSA-funded Healthy Start award recipients. Supplemental funds will support the expansion of a self-measured blood pressure (SMBP) monitoring initiative within Healthy Start communities to promote earlier identification of preeclampsia and other hypertensive disorders of pregnancy. Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy are a leading cause of maternal morbidity and mortality in the United States and disproportionately affect the types of populations served by Healthy Start. Preeclampsia, a life-threatening hypertensive disorder of pregnancy, affects as many as one in 12 pregnancies and can be effectively monitored through regular blood pressure measurement.

HRSA supplemented NICHQ's award with \$175,000 in FY 2023 and \$214,000 in FY 2024 (\$389,000 total) to support a successful SMBP monitoring pilot previously implemented across 15 Healthy Start sites in 12 states. In FY 2026, Congress directed HRSA to expand this effort by providing no less than \$250,000 to increase the number of states and Healthy Start sites able to benefit from the SMBP monitoring initiative. Specifically, the Explanatory Statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Pub. L. 119–75) included “no less than \$250,000 for the Healthy Start blood pressure monitoring pilot, as described

in Senate Report 119–55.” In Senate Report 119–55, the Committee provided “no less than \$250,000 for more States to benefit from this pilot, and to the Healthy Start program to continue to support the self-measured blood pressure monitoring pilot, which works to identify preeclampsia during pregnancy at an earlier stage in high-risk communities by distributing blood pressure cuffs and patient information.”

As the Healthy Start TASC, NICHQ is well-positioned to support expanded implementation of the SMBP monitoring initiative among Healthy Start sites. Through this supplemental funding, NICHQ, as the Healthy Start TASC, will support Healthy Start award recipients in at least 15 states to expand access to SMBP monitoring for pregnant and postpartum women. This initiative will provide training, technical assistance, implementation guidance, and resources to selected Healthy Start sites in partnership with a subject matter expert in hypertensive disorders of pregnancy. This effort builds on lessons learned from the previous SMBP monitoring pilot and is intended to broaden participation beyond the original pilot sites so that additional Healthy Start communities may benefit. Further information on Healthy Start is available at: <https://www.hrsa.gov/services/healthy-start>.

Thomas J. Engels,
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Notice of Supplemental Funding, National Rural Health Information Clearinghouse Program

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice of supplemental funding.

SUMMARY: HRSA will provide additional award funds to the National Rural Health Information Clearinghouse Program recipient under HRSA–25–009, the University of North Dakota, to provide information, data, and tools related to rural health to support improving health care in rural areas.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Intended Recipient of the Award:* The University of North Dakota.

Amount of Non-Competitive Award: One supplemental award for \$835,000.

Project Period: June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2030.

Assistance Listing Number: 93.223.

Award Instrument: Cooperative Agreement Supplement for Services.

Authority: Social Security Act § 711(b) (42 U.S.C. 912(b)).

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Grant number	Award recipient name	City, State	Supplemental award amount
U56RH05539	University of North Dakota	Grand Forks, ND	\$835,000

Justification: This funding provided a one-time supplement to the University of North Dakota via the National Rural Health Information Clearinghouse Program with a budget period of June 2026 through May 2027. This supplement allows the University of North Dakota to build on past and ongoing projects supported by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy to improve health care in rural areas by

advancing the knowledge base regarding strategies to support and enhance rural community health. The University of North Dakota is the recipient of the only award under the program and has longstanding experience identifying, developing and disseminating resources like toolkits and webinars to support a broad range of rural health topics. The supplement will allow the University of North Dakota to create new tools and

resources on important topics related to rural community health and health care.

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