

Notice of Intent to Release

To all interested parties:

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (the Agency) is providing this notice of intent to release a request for proposal (RFP) on or around December 2025; to procure up to ten (10) Centers of Excellence to establish infrastructure and formal partnerships as well as conduct needs assessments to coordinate and provide services to rural Iowans. These Centers of Excellence must provide services in one or more of the following areas: maternal/child health, cancer, cardiovascular health, mental/behavioral health, and chronic disease prevention and management. Please see the Agency's Rural Health Transformation Grant website ([Rural Health Transformation \(RHT\) | Health & Human Services](#)) for additional information about the Healthy Hometowns initiative.

The RFP for the Centers of Excellence, RFP # PHTHORC26008, that the Agency anticipates releasing on or around December 2025, will be posted to [IowaGrants](#). The following is a tentative timeline for the RFP; these dates are estimates and are subject to change:

Mid-December 2025: Question and answer period after release of the RFP

Early January 2026: Deadline for bid proposals.

Mid-January 2026: HHS to award contract(s)

Mid-February 2026: Contract begins.

Sincerely,

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