

STATE OF MAINE

Department of Public Safety | Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: Maine EMS Licensed Agencies, Maine EMS Board, Medical Direction & Practices Board, and Stakeholders

FROM: Bureau of Emergency Medical Services

DATE: August 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Funding Opportunity – Rural Health Transformation Funding for Community Paramedicine (RFA# 202606106)

ADDENDUM / SUMMARY OF CHANGES (ISSUED AUGUST 18, 2026)

Please note the following official modifications to RFA# 202606106:

- **Application Deadline Extended:** The deadline for application submission has been extended from Monday, August 17, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. EDT to **Monday, August 24, 2026, no later than 4:00 p.m. EDT**.
- **Section 4 (Key Dates):** Updated to reflect the extended submission deadline of **August 24, 2026**.
- **Section 6 (Submission Instructions):** Updated late submission clause to reflect the **August 24, 2026** deadline.
- **All Other Terms:** All other terms, conditions, eligibility requirements, and allowable cost guidelines specified in the original RFA remain unchanged.

1. Executive Summary & Purpose

The Maine Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (Maine EMS), within the Department of Public Safety, announces **Request for Applications (RFA# 202606106): Rural Health Transformation Funding for Community Paramedicine**.

Funded through the federal Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) via the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), this grant opportunity provides substantial funding to establish, expand, and enhance Community Paramedicine (CP) services across rural Maine.

The primary objectives of this funding stream are to:

- Expand pre-hospital care capacity and access to healthcare in rural communities.
- Enhance chronic disease management, behavioral health interventions, and preventative care.
- Foster regional partnerships and long-term healthcare delivery sustainability.

2. Grant Award Structure & Priority Areas

- **Total Available Funding:** \$4,964,064 (FY2026)
- **Single Agency Maximum Award:** Up to **\$500,000** per applicant.
- **Regional / Group Project Maximum Award:** Up to **\$750,000** total (\$500,000 base + up to \$250,000 dedicated to regional collaboration, quality assurance/quality improvement, education, or joint planning).
- **Geographic Priority:** Priority consideration will be given to projects addressing care gaps in **Washington and Aroostook counties**, with strong preference for collaborative initiatives spanning **Washington, Aroostook, and Lincoln counties**.

3. Applicant Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for funding under RFA# 202606106, applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

1. **EMS Licensure:** Be a Maine EMS-licensed agency (inclusive of non-transporting services and ground ambulance services).
2. **Rural Geography:** Serve an HRSA-eligible rural ZIP code (verifiable via the [HRSA Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer](#)).
3. **CP Licensure:** The lead agency must hold or obtain a Community Paramedicine designation/license during the contract performance period.
4. **Lead Agency Status:** An agency may participate in multiple collaborative/regional proposals, but may serve as the **lead applicant on only one (1) submission**.

4. Key Dates & Important Links

Event / Milestone	Date & Details
Questions Due Date	August 4, 2026 (Closed)
Q&A Summary Posted	Available now on the State Vendor Self Service System (VSS)
Application Submission Deadline	Monday, August 17 August 24, 2026, no later than 4:00 p.m. EDT
Anticipated Contract Period	September 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027

5. Summary of Allowable & Non-Allowable Costs

Allowable Uses of Funds:

- Start-up operational costs, capital expenditures, and equipment upgrades tied directly to CP service delivery.
- Chronic disease management, behavioral health/substance use disorder support, and preventative health programs.
- Consumer-facing technology, telehealth solutions, remote patient monitoring, and IT

hardware/software enhancements.

- Workforce recruitment and retention incentives (requiring a minimum 5-year rural service commitment).
- Regional QA/QI projects, educational programs, and strategic partnership development.

Non-Allowable Uses of Funds:

- New building construction or major building expansions.
- Supplanting existing funding, paying pre-award expenses, or covering matching fund requirements.
- Billing or services already reimbursable by insurance, Medicaid/Medicare, or duplicate fee-for-service structures.
- General lobbying, political activities, or replacement of existing Electronic Medical Record (EMR) systems (subject to strict CMS exceptions).

6. Application & Submission Instructions

1. **Vendor System Registration:** All applications must be submitted via the State of Maine **Vendor Self Service System (VSS)**:
<https://mevss.hostams.com/PRDVSS1X1/AltSelfService>
2. **Account Requirement:** Applicants must possess an active User ID and Password in VSS prior to uploading submission files.
3. **File Naming & Format:** Applications must be submitted as a single, typed file using the required form format.
 - **Required File Name Format:** RFA# 202606106 Application Submission – [Applicant Name]
4. **Late Submissions:** Submissions received after 4:00 p.m. on August 17 **August 24**, 2026, will not be considered.

7. Official RFA Contact

For all inquiries regarding this RFA process, application guidelines, or technical requirements, please contact:

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