

TIPQC RHTP Rural Hospital Grant Frequently Asked Questions

1. How much \$ is available?

Each hospital will be billing quarterly based on expenses including a part-time FTE's work as the rural quality improvement (QI) scholar. Depending on when your hospital signs the contract, the money will be dispersed quarterly (monthly amount = \$50,000/12 = \$4167).

2. How many years of funding is this?

The RHTP grant is available for 50 months. Each hospital will be eligible to renew their contract/grant with TIPQC annually, if they have met the prescribed requirements.

3. Could I do this work and just get a pay raise?

The funds provided under RHTP Grant are to be used to supplement the performance of additional quality improvement (QI) work with TIPQC at each hospital and not supplant funding for QI work already being performed by the hospital. Ideally a nurse manager or other employee with local experience who would be willing to drop to half-time hospital duties and take a half-time position as QI Director. It's the right way for someone to use their experience to develop a QI team and hit the ground running. Although whoever at each hospital is currently doing TIPQC and other QI work, might be a strong possibility based on your hospital's preference. If the hospital would change that person's work to 25% - 50% or more QI (depending on their current salary) and take away other duties, this would allow the RHTP funding the hospital receives to supplement the hospital for additional QI Work and not supplant funding for QI work already being performed by the hospital. TIPQC must give salary, hours, and other information to TDH in its reporting. We are eager to help think about this with you!

4. Can two hospitals hire one person and share?

Possibly, if the funds provided under the RHTP Grant are used to supplement the performance of additional quality improvement (QI) work with TIPQC at each hospital and not supplant funding for QI work already being performed at each hospital. One person might could work – they would just need to be paid 50% at one hospital and 50% from the other hospital – as we must get the grants to the hospitals, they would need to be employed at those hospitals. These grants are per hospital.