

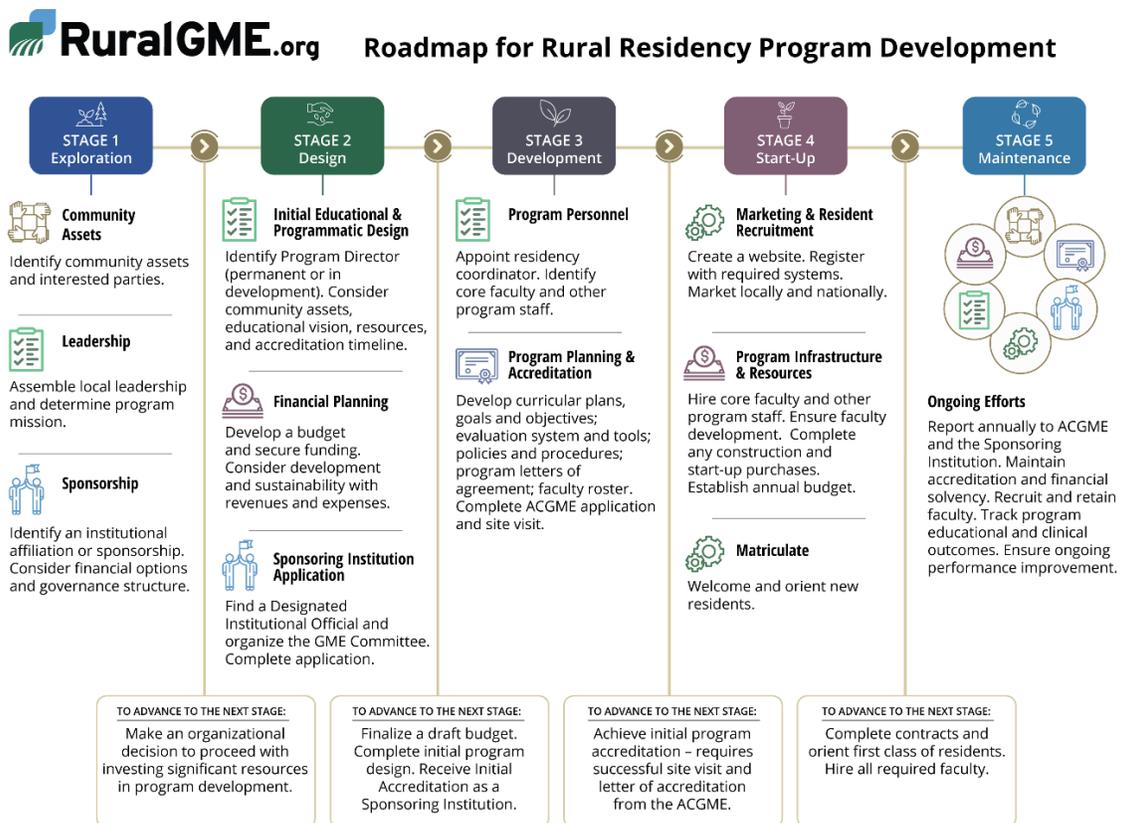


Rural Residency Planning & Development - Technical Assistance Center

The purpose of the HRSA-funded Rural Residency Planning and Development (RRPD) Program is to support the development of new rural residency programs in family medicine, internal medicine, and psychiatry to address the physician workforce shortages and challenges faced by rural communities. Rural residency programs are accredited medical residency training programs that train residents in rural settings for greater than 50 percent of their total time in residency and focus on producing physicians who will practice in rural communities.

In 2018, HRSA funded our RRPD - Technical Assistance Center (TAC) to support the development of new rural graduate medical education (GME) programs by helping rural communities overcome the significant challenges involved in designing rural programs, securing sustainable funding, and achieving accreditation. In 2019, HRSA funded 26 RRPD Programs, referred to as Cohort 1, with a program start of August 2019. In 2020, HRSA funded 11 RRPD Programs, known as Cohort 2, with a program start of September 2020. To view a summary document describing the 37 programs (29 in family medicine, 3 in internal medicine, and 5 in psychiatry), click [here](#).

Our TAC developed a framework that describes the steps needed in each of 5 key stages of program development—exploration, design, development, start-up, and maintenance. The model outlined in the [Figure](#) below details the progressive stages of the process, from early interest and recognized need for a GME program to meet local health care needs, to the implementation of a functional, accredited, and financially sustainable program.



Highlights:

- The majority of programs have completed a community asset inventory, appointed a Program Director in development, obtained Sponsoring Institution accreditation, and completed a detailed pro-forma.
- Seventeen programs have submitted an ACGME application.
- Eleven programs have obtained ACGME accreditation.
- Six programs have filled positions through the match.
- Over 1,500 resources on the RuralGME toolbox have been accessed.
- More than a dozen webinars have been developed.

Resources:

- To register for a RuralGME Toolbox account, click [here](#).
- To view a summary of the RRPD grant programs, click [here](#).
- To view TAC publications and presentations, click [here](#).
- To view TAC videos, click [here](#)

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