# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Connecticut Office of Rural Health** 12-2014 CT Rural Health Data Assessment

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Connecticut Office of Rural Health (CT-ORH), through the administration of its State Office of Rural Health Grant program announces the availability of funds to assess the health status of CT rural residents. Funding for this initiative comes to the CT-ORH through the Department of Health and Human Services through the Health Resources and Services Administration's Office of Rural Health Policy. The goal of this project is to have current health related rural town/zip code or regional level data to align office priorities with dedicated resources. A list of Connecticut rural towns can be found on the office website; <u>www.ruralhealthct.org</u>

The purpose of this data report is to provide strategic direction for the office, assist in prioritizing CT-ORH initiatives and resources and support program development to enhance access to quality affordable health care for rural CT residents.

#### FUNDING

A total of up to **\$25,000** of federal funds from the Connecticut Office of Rural Health State Office of Rural Health grant program is available for this project initiative. Funding will be issued on a reimbursement basis only after compliance with contract deliverables. Funding will be for a period beginning approximately **March 2, 2015 through June 25, 2015** 

## **SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED**

- 1. Identify and assess significant health issues/challenges impacting CT rural residents
- 2. Research, collect and analyze health indicator data at the town/zip code or community cluster level
- 3. Provide an electronic reference log of data resources
- 4. Compare Connecticut rural and urban statistics for key health indicators
- 5. Identify trends and new emerging rural health issues and challenges
- 6. Provide a written and electronic report on findings

7. Identify which rural health disparities align with Healthy Connecticut 2020 focus areas

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION CRITERIA

Submitted proposals must include an original signed CT-ORH face sheet and be received by 4:00 P.M., Thursday, January 8, 2015 to the CT-ORH

Proposals must include:

- A detailed work plan with time line
- Detailed and itemized budget
- Brief biography for key staff assigned to project
- A sample of recent similar work

### **SUBMISSION ADDRESS**

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# Questions regarding this request for proposal must be submitted in writing to:

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