

Grant Announcement

Family Practice Residency Program

Fiscal Year 2026

Grant Opportunity Number # 1008

INQUIRY DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. CT, November 10, 2025

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 11:59 p.m. CT, November 14,
2025**

Family Practice Residency Program

Overview

The Family Practice Residency Program (FPRP) is one of the longest-standing state-funded graduate medical education initiatives in Texas. It was established following legislative action by the 66th Texas Legislature in 1979, which authorized the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to provide state funding to support and expand family practice residency training programs.

Since its inception, the program has served as one of Texas's foundational investments in graduate medical education (GME). It has:

- Supported the creation and expansion of family medicine residency programs across the state;
- Increased the number of family physicians who remain in Texas to practice after residency; and
- Helped ensure access to primary care in both urban and rural areas.

Over subsequent legislative sessions, the program evolved to meet Texas' growing healthcare needs through expanded appropriations and strengthened partnerships with medical schools, teaching hospitals, and community health systems. The Legislature reaffirmed its commitment to family medicine workforce development by sustaining funding and supporting policies that enhance statewide residency training capacity. Administrative rules under Title 19, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 10, Subchapter B were adopted to formalize allocation procedures, performance measures, and reporting requirements, ensuring consistent accountability and transparency in the administration of state funds.

Today, the Family Practice Residency Program continues to advance the Legislature's intent by sustaining and expanding residency training capacity, strengthening community-based healthcare partnerships, and addressing Texas's long-term workforce needs.

Program Synopsis

The Family Practice Residency Program (FPRP) provides state-funded support to sustain and strengthen accredited family medicine residency programs across Texas. The program operates through an allocation-based funding model, ensuring predictable and equitable financial support for all eligible residency programs.

Funding supports the core operations of family medicine residency programs, including resident stipends, faculty development, administrative costs, and community-based clinical training. These funds help programs maintain accreditation standards, expand training capacity, and enhance access to primary care in rural and medically underserved communities.

Through consistent, formula-driven funding, the FPRP advances Texas' goal of building and retaining a strong primary care workforce. The program plays a vital role in preparing family physicians to serve communities across the state, strengthen healthcare delivery systems, and improve access to quality care for all Texans.

Subgrant Categories

The Family Practice Residency Program provides funding through four subgrant types, each designed to support specific aspects of family medicine residency education and training:

- Operational Grant – Supports the educational activities of fully accredited family practice residency programs.
- Faculty Support Grant – Supports an ongoing statewide program that encourages research and leadership development of faculty within Texas family practice residency programs. This subgrant is limited to the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNT/TCOM) Faculty Development Center.
- Rural Rotation Reimbursement Grant – Provides reimbursement for costs associated with optional one-month rural clinical rotations completed by family medicine residents.
- Public Health Rotation Reimbursement Grant – Provides reimbursement for costs associated with optional one-month rotations completed by family medicine residents in public health settings.

Each eligible applicant may apply for one or more subgrant types in accordance with applicable rules and funding availability, except for the Faculty Support Grant, which is exclusively awarded to the UNT/TCOM Faculty Development Center.

Statutory Authority

Texas Education Code, Title 3, Subtitle B, Chapter 61, Subchapter I, Section 61.501.

Anticipated Award Information

Contingent upon the amount of appropriation available and the total number of residents certified, THECB expects to award approximately 34 operational grants (Grant Award) at an estimated amount of \$8,500 per-resident for the Grant Period of the later of upon execution or September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

Allocations are determined based on the certified resident data submitted through the required electronic resident roster.

Application Submission

Applications must be:

- Completed in accordance with this grant opportunity

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- Submitted by an authorized agent of the Applicant entity
- Submitted via the agency's grant management system.

As part of the application process, each participating program is required to submit an electronic roster of residents in training. The roster must include resident demographic information, such as name, training level, and training location, for all certified residents as of September 1, 2025. This data will be used for program monitoring and reporting purposes and will serve as the basis for calculating program allocations under the Family Practice Residency Program.

The Operational Grant Application also includes embedded application components for the optional rotation subgrants. Applicants seeking reimbursement for eligible rotations must complete the following sections within the Operational Grant Application:

- Public Health Rotation - for residents completing a one-month rotation in a public health setting; and
- Rural Rotation– for residents completing a one-month rotation in a rural clinical setting.

These embedded applications must be completed at the time of submission to be considered for funding.

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Eligible Applicants

Entities in the following categories and located in Texas are eligible to apply for a Family Practice Residency Program Grant Award:

- Texas Medical Schools;
- Licensed Hospitals;
- Nonprofit Corporations; or
- Consortia and Partnerships (See Appendix A)

Allowable and Prohibited Costs

Funding under the Family Practice Residency Program (FPRP) must be used solely for the operation and support of approved family medicine residency programs in Texas. Funds are intended to directly support resident training activities and program operations that align with the program's statutory purpose and established administrative rules.

Allowable Cost Categories

Residency Program budgets may only include necessary and reasonable costs for the operation and direct support of approved family medicine residency programs in Texas. Categories of allowable use of funds may include:

- Compensation – personnel
- Compensation - fringe benefits
- Equipment: Including all equipment purchased by programs receiving an operational grant valued at no greater than \$7,500
- Insurance and indemnification

- Materials and supplies costs
- Training and education costs
- Travel costs

*Grant Period begins on September 1st or upon execution of the Grant Agreement, whichever is later. Pre-award costs from September 1, 2025, are allowable.

Note regarding travel costs: An approved travel reimbursement may not exceed State of Texas mileage allowance, General Services Administration (GSA) hotel rate, and per-diem rate existing in the current Texas State Appropriations Act for personnel directly supporting resident training activities. The state travel guidelines require only reimbursement of actual costs paid and, therefore, prohibit per diem payments to travelers without reconciliation to actual costs expended.

Prohibited Costs:

All costs must be necessary and reasonable for the Operational Grant Award. Nonallowable uses of funds including all non-allowable costs specified in Texas Grant Management Standards (TxGMS) include, but are not limited to the following:

- Indirect Costs
- Application fees to the national accrediting body.
- Architect's fees.
- Capital expenditures for construction.
- Consultant fees paid to intra-institutional personnel: Including medical school or other personnel employed by a state agency or higher education institution.
- Costs incurred prior to the Grant Period
- Equipment: Including all equipment purchased by programs receiving an operational grant and equipment valued at greater than \$7,500
- Feasibility studies.
- Professional liability insurance for professional activities outside the family medicine residency training program.
- Rent paid to a public medical school.
- Resident recruiting expenses: Including travel, entertainment, and relocation expenses.
- Stipends or fringe benefit payments for residents subsidized by the military, Public Health Service, or other federal agencies. Such residents should NOT be counted in the total number certified to the Coordinating Board staff for purposes of computing the amounts of the operational grants.
- Travel not consistent with state of Texas guidelines relating to type (transportation, lodging, meals), funding basis (as actual cost, per diem, mileage), and reasonableness.

Additional information regarding these categories can be found in the [Texas Grant Management Standards](#).

Budget Changes

Submission and approval of a Budget Change Request in the agency's grant management system are required to modify the value of an approved budget cost category. All budget amendments must be initiated and approved within the system.

Please note: An encumbrance is distinct from an expenditure. Expenditure requires that the goods or services have been received and paid for. An encumbrance occurs when a contract is in place for the goods or services, but they have not been received and paid for. THECB does not have discretion in this matter, and funds not expended by the end of the grant term must be returned.

Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

THECB staff shall monitor and oversee Operational Grant progress and compliance through required reporting to ensure that grant commitments are fulfilled and that financial matters related to the grant award are accurate and appropriate. Awarded applicant shall be required to complete the reports listed below on or before the designated due date.

Resident Roster Report

Each participating grantee shall submit an electronic roster of residents in training, including resident name, training level, and training location, for all certified residents as of September 1, 2025. The roster is used to calculate program allocations and determine the number of certified residency positions for funding purposes. The Coordinating Board retains roster data for historical tracking and verification of residency participation over time.

- Resident Roster Report due November 14, 2025.

Please note: The Resident Roster data submission will continue to be collected outside of the FLUXX GMS System. As in previous years, programs will complete and submit their roster data file through the existing online FPRP Resident Loader system.

Annual Written Report

Awarded applicants shall submit an Annual Written Report providing information on the operation of the program including information on the program's efforts to recruit residents likely to practice in underserved areas of Texas and the program's encouragement of residents to enter practice in underserved areas of Texas.

- Annual Written Report due December 31, 2026.

Annual Expenditure Report:

Awarded applicant shall submit a financial expenditure report detailing actual expenditures for the grant period by purpose and amount. The report must also

document the unexpended balance of the FPRP program's funds as of August 31, 2026.

- Expenditure Report due December 31, 2026.

If any of the reporting items listed above are not submitted on a timely basis, or granted an extension, or is not accepted by THECB, THECB reserves the right to require that monies already disbursed to Grantee be returned. Additionally, such compliance deficiencies may result in future increased risk factors including additional monitoring requirements and may impact eligibility for future THECB grant awards.

Point of Contact Information

All inquiries and communications concerning this grant announcement shall be directed in writing via email to:

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Appendix A: Definitions

The following definitions shall apply:

Applicant – An eligible entity that submits an application for funding in response to this grant announcement under the Family Practice Residency Program.

Application – The final document submitted by an applicant to THECB in response to grant announcement under the Family Practice Residency Program.

Awarded applicant – The successful recipient ultimately awarded a grant by THECB who is responsible for performing all activities required to fully comply with grant performance requirements and all grant terms and conditions.

Approved Family Practice Residency Program - A family practice residency program, as described in Texas Education Code, §61.501(2).

Consortia and Partnerships - To qualify for participation as a partnership or consortium under the FPRP Program, the applying entity must:

- Include at least one ACGME-accredited residency program or a program that has formally initiated the ACGME accreditation process and can provide documentation of application submission prior to the grant year start. Programs must achieve accreditation prior to receiving an award.
- Ensure that each ACGME-accredited residency program included in the consortium operates under an ACGME-accredited institutional sponsor in good standing.
- Consists of two or more eligible entities, such as Texas medical schools, licensed hospitals, federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), or nonprofit healthcare entities, that operate residency training sites, clinical facilities, or administrative offices located within Texas. Programs with corporate headquarters outside the state may participate if their residency training activities occur within Texas.
- Designate a lead fiscal and administrative agent responsible for receiving and managing funds, submitting reports, and ensuring compliance with all THECB requirements; and
- Establish a formal written agreement among participating entities that:
 - Defines governance structures, roles, and responsibilities;
 - Describes the methodology for fund distribution, financial oversight, and reporting;
 - Accounts for the unique governance and compliance structures of each participating institutional sponsor; and
 - Establishes accountability and performance measures aligned with program goals.

Faculty Support Grant - An annual, renewable grant to support an ongoing statewide program to encourage research and leadership development of faculty of Texas family practice residency programs. The advisory committee may recommend funding amounts for faculty support grants.

Medical school - An eligible medical institution as identified in Texas Education Code, §61.501(1).

Operational Grant - An annual, renewable grant to support the educational activities of fully accredited family practice residency programs.

Public Health Rotation Reimbursement Grant - A grant to reimburse program costs, recognize participation, and encourage future public health commitments for residents in training at nationally recognized Texas family practice residency programs. Funding is provided to offset costs associated with residents completing an optional one-month rotation in a public health setting in Texas.

Rural Rotation Reimbursement Grant - A grant to reimburse program costs, recognize participation, and encourage rural practice location for resident physicians in training at nationally accredited Texas family practice residency programs. Funding is provided to offset costs associated with residents completing an optional one-month rotation in a rural setting in Texas.

State fiscal year – The period of time beginning on September 1 and ending on August 31 of the following year, both dates inclusive.

State of Texas business days – Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CT, except for scheduled state of Texas and national holidays.

THECB – The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, a Texas state agency.

Additional Program Specific Details

The Family Practice Residency Program (FPRP) Program recognizes the value of collaboration among institutions and supports the formation of partnerships or consortia to strengthen residency training in Texas. The purpose of a consortium is to enhance coordination, efficiency, and reach of residency education by allowing multiple entities to work together toward shared objectives.

Partnerships or consortia may be established to:

- Increase training capacity across affiliated hospitals, clinics, and medical schools;
- Expand access to rural and community-based clinical training sites;
- Share faculty expertise, administrative infrastructure, and educational resources; and
- Promote innovation and sustainability in residency education through collaborative program design and implementation.

Consortia arrangements are intended to strengthen statewide training networks, improve access to care in underserved regions, and encourage innovation that supports the long-term growth of the physician workforce in Texas.

Consortium applications must clearly demonstrate how the partnership will support the goals of the residency program, broaden access to healthcare training opportunities, and contribute to the sustainability of graduate medical education in Texas.

Implementation Guidance

The THECB recognizes that each institutional sponsor participating in a consortium may have distinct governance, accreditation, and reporting requirements under ACGME standards.

Accordingly, consortium agreements should be designed to:

- Maintain compliance with ACGME institutional and program requirements;
- Provide sufficient flexibility to accommodate varying administrative and operational structures; and
- Ensure clear and consistent accountability across all participating entities.

In addition to the guidelines outlined above, all applicable rules concerning sub-granting, subcontracting, assignment, and delegation must also be followed.

These provisions aim to provide structure and flexibility to support diverse consortium models while upholding high standards for fiscal integrity, compliance, and educational quality.

Appendix B: Calendar of Events

September 1, 2025 - Grant Cycle Begins*

October 6, 2025 - Grantee Credentialing Opens

October 31, 2025 - FPRP Grant Announcement Opens

October 31, 2025 - Application Opens

November 14, 2025 - Application Deadline

November 14, 2025 - Resident Roster Deadline

December 31, 2025 – FY 2025 Annual Reports Due (Not part of Fluxx GMS System)

January 2026 – FY 2026 Grant Agreements Available in Fluxx

January/February 2026 - Grant Agreement Executions (Signatures)

February 2026 - Grant Award Disbursements begin

August 31, 2026 - Grant Period End - Last Day to Expend Grant Funds

December 31, 2026 - FY2026 Annual Reports Due (Fluxx Submission)

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