

## Funding and grants opportunities

Reducing healthcare barriers for small and rural communities



### Healthcare is not made equal

In an ideal world, everyone would have convenient access to quality healthcare services. Unfortunately, that is not the reality. Residents of rural communities often face a variety of barriers when it comes to obtaining healthcare. These barriers are often attributed to several issues - staff shortages and overall staff capacity, budget restraints, distance and lack of transportation, social stigma and privacy issues, internet accessibility, low financial literacy, and more.

There have been many attempts to lessen the burden of access for rural communities, but the statistics continue to speak for themselves.

- Less than 8% of all physicians and surgeons choose to practice in a rural setting.\*
- 64% of Rural Health Clinic staff members surveyed by the University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center reported difficulties finding specialists for patient referral.\*
- 192 rural hospitals have closed or converted since 2005.\*\*

### How can SHI help your rural community achieve accessible care?

SHI Healthcare provides a plethora of opportunities for healthcare organizations serving small and rural communities through our Grants Support Program. This program serves as a resource to help identify funding resources to achieve technology goals. We identify grants that are right for you, provide complimentary consultative services to determine the best grants to pursue, and assist with the creation and review of grant applications prior to submission. Our team of subject matter experts are always available to serve as a value-added resource to help you achieve your technology goals.

How the program works:

- Request assistance at [www.shi.com/grants](http://www.shi.com/grants).
- Receive a full report that identifies grants that are right for you.
- Consult with a specialist to discuss grant opportunities and for assistance with applications.

*\*Rural Health Information Hub*

*\*\*North Carolina Rural Health Research Program*

### About SHI Healthcare

Our commitment: To help America's healthcare providers deliver quality care to patients through the delivery of innovative, equitable, and secure technology solutions.

#### Group purchasing organizations

SHI collaborates with leading group purchasing organizations (GPOs) to enable spend management, ease of procurement, and supply chain flexibility for IT products and solutions to GPO Provider members.

#### Diversity, equity, and inclusion

SHI is recognized as the largest Minority & Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE) in the United States. Our status as a diverse supplier also informs our commitment to supporting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) across our organization.

#### Industry association affiliations

SHI is a proud Premier Foundation partner of the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME). CHIME enables its members and business partners to collaborate, exchange ideas, develop professionally, and advocate the effective use of information management to improve health and care throughout the communities they serve.