

Kentucky Office of Rural Health

Program Spotlight: Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP)

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SHIP The Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP) is supported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP). Section 1820(g)(3) of the Social Security Act (SSA) authorizes SHIP to assist eligible hospitals in meeting the costs of implementing data system requirements established under the Medicare Program, including using funds to assist hospitals in participating in improvements in value and quality to health care such as:

- Value-Based Purchasing Programs (VBP)
- Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)
- Payment Bundling (PB)/Prospective Payment System (PPS)

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible small rural hospitals are located in the United States and its territories and include hospitals with 49 available beds or less. These small rural, non-federal hospitals provide short-term, general acute care to their communities. They may be for-profit, not-for-profit or tribal organizations. Critical access hospitals are eligible for the program.

Participation

Awards issued: 05/19/2021

Project Period: 06/01/2021-05/31/2022

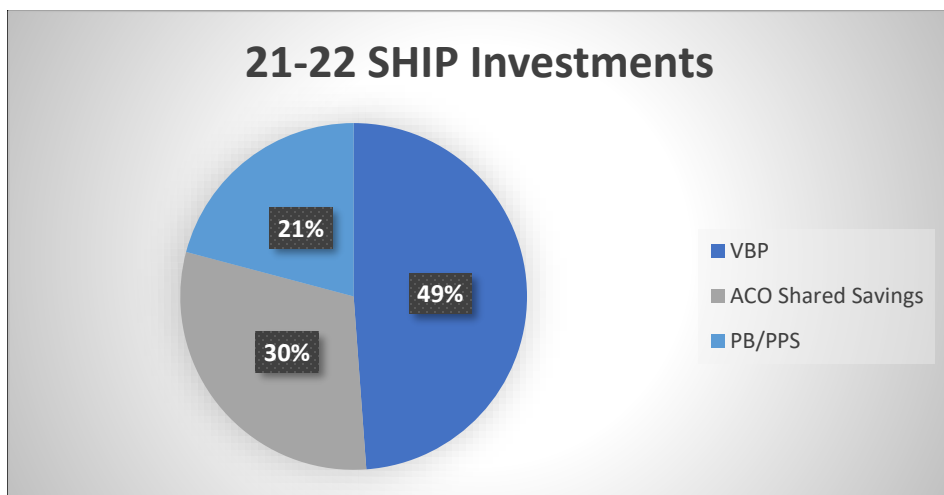


43 Eligible Kentucky Small Rural Hospitals (28 CAHs) received **\$10,071 each** for a total investment of **\$433,053**.

- AdventHealth Manchester (formerly Manchester Memorial Hospital)
- ARH Our Lady of the Way
- Barbourville ARH
- Bluegrass Community Hospital
- Bourbon Community Hospital
- Breckinridge Health Inc.
- Caldwell Medical Center
- Carroll County Hospital
- Casey County Hospital
- Cumberland County Hospital
- Deaconess Union County Hospital
- Ephraim McDowell Fort Logan Hospital
- Ephraim McDowell James B. Haggin Hospital
- Flaget Memorial Hospital
- Fleming County Hospital
- Jane Todd Crawford Hospital
- Kentucky River Medical Center
- Livingston Hospital
- Logan Memorial Hospital
- Marcum and Wallace Hospital
- Marshall County Hospital
- Mary Breckinridge ARH
- McDowell ARH
- Middlesboro ARH
- Monroe County Medical Center
- Morgan County ARH
- Ohio County Healthcare
- Owensboro Health Muhlenberg Community Hospital
- Owensboro Health Twin Lakes
- Pineville Community Health Center
- Rockcastle Regional Hospital
- Russell County Hospital
- Saint Joseph Berea
- Saint Joseph Mount Sterling
- St. Elizabeth Healthcare - Grant County
- The Medical Center at Albany
- The Medical Center at Caverna
- The Medical Center at Franklin
- The Medical Center at Scottsville
- Three Rivers Medical Center
- TJ Health Columbia
- Trigg County Hospital
- Wayne County Hospital

Allowable Expenses

Unallowable investments include, but are not limited to, travel costs, hospital services, hospital staff salaries, or general supplies.





Allowable Investments

In general, SHIP allowable investments include activities to assist small rural hospitals with their quality improvement efforts and with their adaptation to changing payment systems through investments in hardware, software and related trainings. This includes aiding with value and quality improvement.

Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Investment Activities

- Quality Reporting
- HCAHPS data collection process/related training
- Efficiency or QI Training
- Provider-Based Clinic Quality Measures Education
- Alternative Payment Model and Quality Payment Program Training/Education

Accountable Care Organization (ACO) or Shared Savings Investment Activities

- Computerized Provider Order Entry
- Pharmacy Services
- Disease Registry/Pop Health/SDOH
- Social Determinants of Health Screening Software and Training
- Efficiency or QI Training/Project
- System Performance Training
- Telehealth/ Mobile Health
- Community Paramedicine
- Health Information Technology Training for Value and ACOs

Payment Bundling (PB) or Prospective Payment Systems (PPS) Investment Activities

- ICD-10 Software
- ICD-10 Training
- Efficiency or QI Training
- S-10 Cost Reporting training
- Pricing Transparency Training and Software

The **Kentucky Office of Rural Health (KORH)**, established in 1991, is a federal-state partnership authorized by federal legislation. The UK Center of Excellence in Rural Health, located in Hazard, serves as the federally-designated Kentucky Office of Rural Health. The mission of the KORH is to support the health and well-being of Kentuckians by promoting access to rural health services. The program provides a framework for linking small rural communities with local, state and federal resources while working toward long-term solutions to rural health issues. The KORH assists clinicians, administrators and consumers in finding ways to improve communications, finances and access to quality health care while ensuring that funding agencies and policymakers are made aware of the needs of rural communities.