



Request for Applications

Physician Residency and Fellowship Start-Up Grant Program

Application portal: <https://impact.acceleratems.org/>

Funding for the Accelerate Mississippi Physician Residency and Fellowship Start-Up Grant Program was approved through Senate Bill 2371 (Mississippi Legislature, 2023). Funding for this program is derived from federal COVID-19 relief funds allocated to the State of Mississippi through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (CFDA 21.027), as authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 (Mar. 11, 2021). All funds awarded through this program will be considered a sub-award of federal funds, subject to the provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations governing the use of federal grant funds.

Enabling legislation calls for the office to direct funds “for the purpose of creating new or increasing capacity in existing physician residency and fellowship programs in hospitals.” An ultimate goal of this program is to expand capacity in physician residences which will entice more residents and fellows to remain and work as physicians in Mississippi after completion of their program. During the 2023 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature, funds for this program were appropriated through Senate Bill 3113.

The Office of Workforce Development, known commonly as Accelerate Mississippi (AccelerateMS), requests applications for grant funding from eligible recipients to support said creation or expansion of Mississippi physician residency and fellowship programs.

Application and Submission Instructions:

1. Review this RFA document in its entirety.
2. Complete the budget template available for download on the application portal. This will be a required attachment when completing the application.
3. Complete the Risk Assessment via the link on the application portal. This will be a required step when completing the application.
4. Complete the AccelerateMS ARPA Application via the link on the application portal.

Eligible applicants for this program include:

- General acute care hospitals in the State of Mississippi which are licensed by the Mississippi State Department of Health

Priority will be given to applicants based on the following criteria:

- 1) Placement of Residencies/Fellowships in areas of need
 - a) Current access of geographic region to residents/fellows
 - b) Rurality and median household income of communities served by the primary service area of the program
 - c) Placement of a primary training site in a primary care health professional shortage area (HPSA) as defined by the Federal Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA)
 - d) Current access of communities served to the specialty of residency/fellowship.
 - e) Demonstrated need for specialty in geographic service area.
- 2) Speed with which eligible applicant is able to deploy the new or expanded program and deliver desired training outcomes.
- 3) Demonstrated funding plan for new or expanded program
 - a) Ability to show a sustained funding plan for the program post-grant period
 - b) Percentage of match funding offered to support and maximize grant funding
- 4) Evidence of ability to maximize impact of funding
 - a) For existing programs, evidence applicant is training over the Medicare GME cap
 - b) For existing programs, information regarding waitlist for current programs or information supporting high demand
- 5) Plan to provide data and tracking for outcomes of program
- 6) Ability to manage complex federal grants

Eligible Expenses:

Expenses eligible under this program include but are not limited to:

1. Equipment or other supplies necessary for accreditation
2. Necessary infrastructure, including building, renovation, or construction, for accreditation
3. Curricula or other academic or training materials necessary for accreditation
4. Stipends for the recruitment, hiring, and development of program directors, program coordinators, faculty, and/or teaching staff, and clinic staff necessary for accreditation
5. Remote learning or other classroom technology

By submitting an application, the potential Awardee understands, as a condition of approval and continued funding, it must ensure the funded program is aligned with both American Rescue Plan Act goals as well as those for AccelerateMS and agrees to share data with AccelerateMS as needed to meet reporting requirements and to measure the success of desired outcomes. These requirements will be outlined in the Subgrant Agreement between Subgrantee and AccelerateMS.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

Event	Date/Deadline
Publication of Request for Applications	June 9, 2023
Deadline for Applications	July 14, 2023
Notice of Intent to Award to Recipients	July 28, 2023
Final Award Notification	August 11, 2023, or sooner
Legislative Report Due to AccelerateMS	September 2024
Legislative Report Due to AccelerateMS	September 2025
Legislative Report Due to AccelerateMS	September 2026
Deadline for ALL grant-funded expenses	December 30, 2026

Submit proposals via the form linked in the application portal.

Questions should be directed to: grants@acceleratems.org



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1. Clearly indicate the specific activities and how they are linked to the project's purpose, key milestones, and deliverables. The proposal must address the need identified clearly and concisely using relevant, local data. Explain budgetary controls to manage spending and include a plan for handling unexpected expenses or circumstances.
2. Provide a non-technical description of the need and how the proposed program will address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the public health crisis in the sectors in the proposed region. The summary should include an overview of the expected outcomes of the project.
3. Define the demand within the local physician workforce that your program will address. Please detail the needs which justify the mission, vision, and overall goals of this program.
4. Please describe the potential for sustainability of the proposed program beyond the initial grant funding.
5. Describe your organization's experience carrying out projects funded by state and/or federal grants. Include statements regarding how your organization will adhere to state and/or federal guidelines governing the proper use of award funds, proper internal controls, and adherence to record-keeping requirements and reporting.
6. Explain your organization's plan of action to utilize these grant funds to quickly create a new or expand a physician residency program to provide immediate impact to the proposed service area.

7. Describe your community in terms of demographics for the service area physicians will service. Please include information as to whether your primary training site is located in a primary care health professional shortage area (HPSA) as defined by the Federal Health Resources Administration (HRSA).

8. If the proposed program is a specialty practice, please provide information as to the need for this specialty in the service area.

9. Describe your plan to track and report data related to outcomes from the new or expanded physician residency/fellowship program.

10. Detail the key deliverables and program schedule by date for your program.