



# 2025 Health on the Plains Summit

On Dec. 11, the Kansas Health Institute hosted a summit that explored how collaboration and innovation can help fund and sustain rural health efforts. Use this guide to dive deeper into key resources, reflect on discussion questions and capture your thoughts or takeaways as we deepen our understanding of the rural health funding landscape, think through challenges and identify opportunities for future collaboration.

## Resources

Explore how federal investments flow to rural communities and the opportunities they create for strengthening rural health.

[ACCESS THE PUBLICATIONS >](#)

Dive into federal priorities shaping the Rural Health Transformation Program and implications for Kansas communities.

[READ THE ANALYSIS >](#)

Hear insights from rural leaders on key issues facing Kansas communities through the Health on the Plains Coffee Hour series.

[WATCH THE DISCUSSION >](#)

Explore highlights from the inaugural Health on the Plains convening and how rural communities are building toward a thriving future.

[REVIEW THE SUMMARY >](#)

## Discussion Questions

### Panel 1: Federal Funding for Rural Health

- What steps can rural communities take to better understand and connect with federal programs that support rural health?
- How can collaboration with local, state or regional partners help rural organizations strengthen their ability to pursue and manage federal funding?

### Panel 2: Philanthropy & Non-Governmental Funding for Rural Health

- How can rural communities build stronger relationships with philanthropic and other non-governmental funders to support long-term health and community goals?
- How can funders facilitate greater collaboration across sectors and among multiple rural communities?



*Watch the Recording Here!*

# Speaker Resources

Explore current funding opportunities from the Health Resources & Services Administration: <https://www.hrsa.gov/grants/find-funding>

Access CDC's rural public health tools and resources: <https://www.cdc.gov/rural-health/php/index.html>

Learn more about the University of Kansas Health System Care Collaborative: <https://www.kansashealthsystem.com/about-us/community/care-collaborative>

Find research, toolkits and funding opportunities through RHIhub: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/>

Explore resources and insights on rural philanthropy: [www.philanthropyworx.com](http://www.philanthropyworx.com)

Explore rural health data with the Rural Health Map from NORC at the University of Chicago: <https://ruralhealthmap.norc.org/>

Search rural and underserved health care job opportunities: <https://www.3rnet.org/>

Request your copy of Leading Health!: <https://kansashealth.org/leadinghealth/>

Learn more about the Patterson Family Foundation four interconnected priorities: <https://pattersonfamilyfoundation.org/>

Explore the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund's podcast, Pioneers in Health: <https://healthfund.org/a/pioneers-in-health/>

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## Notes and Key Takeaways

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