



**Attachment A**

**RURAL MARYLAND HEALTH PILLAR THREE TRANSFORMATION FUND GRANT AGREEMENT  
FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2027 AWARD**

**Project Name:** Project Name

**Grantee Name:** «Organization\_Name»

**Address:** «Organization\_Address\_1» «Organization\_Address\_2»  
«Organization\_City», «Organization\_State» «Organization\_Postal\_Code»

**Federal ID Number:** «Organization\_TaxId»

<b>Grantee Contact Information</b>			
<b>Fiscal Contact:</b>	Fiscal Point of Contact Person	<b>Project Contact:</b>	Project Point of Contact Name
<b>Title:</b>	Fiscal Point of Contact Title	<b>Title:</b>	Project Point of Contact Title
<b>Organization:</b>	«Organization_Name»	<b>Organization:</b>	«Organization_Name»
<b>Address:</b>	«Organization_Address_1» «Organization_Address_2»	<b>Address:</b>	«Organization_Address_1» «Organization_Address_2»
<b>City:</b>	«Organization_City»	<b>City:</b>	«Organization_City»
<b>State:</b>	«Organization_State»	<b>State:</b>	«Organization_State»
<b>Zip Code:</b>	«Organization_Postal_Code»	<b>Zip Code:</b>	«Organization_Postal_Code»
<b>Phone:</b>	«Organization_Phone»	<b>Phone:</b>	«Organization_Phone»
<b>Email:</b>	Fiscal Point of Contact Email	<b>Email:</b>	Project Point of Contact Email

The Rural Health Pillar 3 Transformation Fund (the “Fund”) provides funding to rural nonprofit organizations, units of local government, institutions of higher education, agricultural producers (including collaboratives of small- to mid-sized farms or existing agricultural aggregators seeking to expand), food councils, and buyers or consortiums of buyers that play a role in purchasing, distributing, or increasing access to locally produced food. These buyers may include, but are not limited to, county governments, municipalities, community colleges, universities, local school systems, food pantries, childcare centers, and healthcare facilities. Regional planning and economic development organizations, rural community development programs and advanced technology centers at community colleges.

Under the Act, the Rural Maryland Council (“RMC”) (the “Grantor”) has designated the Maryland Department of Agriculture (the “Administering Agency”) to administer the grant with the above named organization. The Administering Agency has designated the following to be its official contact: Charlotte Davis, Executive Director, Rural Maryland Council, 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401 or charlotte.davis@maryland.gov. The following conditions apply.

Grantor and Grantee agree as follows:

**The purpose of this Agreement** is to provide a grant of Amount Awarded Written dollars (Amount Awarded) to Grantee to assist in achieving the overall project and/or programmatic

goals set forth in the Grantee's Fiscal Year 2027 Rural Health Pillar 3 Transformation Fund Grant Application and referenced in the Scope of Work and Deliverables ("Exhibit 1") attached to this Agreement and incorporated herein. Specifically, these funds are to be used for those Deliverables as outlined in Exhibit 1.

Significant changes in the scope of work are not permitted. Minor changes that adhere to the original intent of the grant and maintain the essential integrity of the grant's purpose may be allowed provided the Grantor and the Administering Agency agree that such changes are consistent with the Board's intent.

Performance under this Agreement commences on **August 1, 2026** and continues until agreed upon services are completed, but in any case no later than **September 30, 2027**

Upon execution of this Agreement and receipt of "Request for Disbursement" ("Exhibit 2"), the Administering Agency will approve **100 percent** of the Grant funds to Grantee.

**Reporting:** The Grantee shall provide quarterly programmatic and financial reports to the Administering Agency no later than **November 9, 2026, February 8, 2027, May 10, 2027** and **August 9, 2027**. The Grantee shall provide a final programmatic and financial report to the Rural Maryland Council and the Administering Agency Representative no later than **October 15, 2027**.

- Quarterly and final reports shall include **original documentation or certification verifying all grant fund expenditures**, to date. Quarterly reports shall include a forecast of expenses for the remainder of the grant period. Any overpayment or unspent funds shall be returned to the Grantor in conjunction with the final grant report.
- Quarterly and final reports must be submitted through the Grant Portal located here  
<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=ruralmaryland>.

**By signing this agreement, the Grantee certifies that it:**

- Complies with all applicable federal, state, and local law, including laws relating to discrimination in employment; and,
- Complies with Maryland's policy concerning drug and alcohol-free workplaces, as set forth in COMAR 01.01.1989.18 and 21.11.08 and shall remain in compliance throughout the term of this agreement.

**General Provisions:**

1. If Grantee's annual revenue exceeds \$1,000,000.00 during the preceding fiscal or calendar year, Grantee shall provide to the RMC and the Administering Agency a copy of a certified financial audit report. If Grantee's annual revenue does not exceed \$1,000,000.00 during the preceding fiscal or calendar year, Grantee shall provide a detailed statement of annual revenues and expenditures.
2. Inspection of Records. Grantee shall allow any duly authorized representative of the Administering Agency or the State of Maryland (the "State") to inspect and audit, at reasonable times, all records and documents of the Grantee relating to this Grant, which records shall be retained by Grantee for at least three years after the termination of this Agreement. Grantee shall also submit such other reports or information as the Administering Agency requires.

- Acknowledgement. Grantees are encouraged to include supporting materials such as press releases, articles, and event announcements that demonstrate or supplement the information provided in the report narrative. These materials may be uploaded through the Grant Portal.
- The Grantee shall acknowledge funding support from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) through the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP).
- All publications, presentations, and promotional materials related to activities supported by this award must include the following statement:

*“This project is supported by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling \$168,180,837.61, with 100 percent funded by CMS/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement by, CMS/HHS or the U.S. Government.”*

- The Grantee shall also include the Rural Maryland Council (RMC) logo, as applicable, to acknowledge RMC’s role in administering these funds.
3. Grantee's Certifications. As an inducement to Administering Agency to make the Grant, Grantee hereby certifies and warrants that:
    - (a) Grantee has all requisite power and authority to enter into this Agreement.
    - (b) This Agreement has been executed and delivered by Grantee in such manner and form as to comply with all applicable laws to make this Agreement the valid and legally binding act and agreement of Grantee.
  4. Amendment. This Agreement, or any part hereof, may be amended from time to time only by written instrument executed by the Grantee, the RMC and the Administering Agency.
  5. Assignment. Without the prior written approval of Administering Agency, the Grantee may neither assign all or any of the benefits of, nor delegate all or any of the duties imposed by this Agreement.
  6. Default. A default shall consist of any breach of any of Grantee's covenants, agreements, warranties or certifications in this Agreement.
  7. Remedies Upon Default.
    - (a) Upon the occurrence of any default, the Administering Agency shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by written notice to Grantee. In the event of termination, Grantor may require Grantee to repay to the Rural Health Pillar 3 Transformation Fund within thirty days of receipt of written notice of default all Grant funds which have been disbursed to Grantee, and Grantee shall have no right to receive any undisbursed Grant Funds.
    - (b) In addition to the rights and remedies contained in this Agreement, the Administering Agency may at any time proceed to protect and enforce all rights available to Administering Agency by suit in equity, action at law, or by any other appropriate proceedings, which rights and remedies shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
  8. Funds May Be Clawed Back Due To Non-Performance

Performance-Based: The Grantee must meet specific benchmarks regarding rural health access and quality to keep funds. Policy Requirements: A funding clawback may be triggered if Maryland fails to implement promised program policies.

9. Indemnification. Grantee releases the Administering Agency, Grantor and the State, and its employees or agents from, agrees that the Administering Agency, Grantor and the State, and its employees or agents shall not have any liability for, and agrees to protect, indemnify and save harmless the Administering Agency, Grantor and the State, and its employees or agents from and against any and all liabilities, suits, actions, claims, demands, losses, expenses and costs of every kind and nature incurred by, or asserted or imposed against, all or any of them, as a result of or in connection with the Grant. All money expended as a result of such liabilities, suits, actions, claims, demands, losses, expenses or costs, together with interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum interest rate permitted by law, shall constitute an indebtedness of Grantee and shall be immediately and without notice due and payable by Grantee to Grantor, Administering Agency, or the State, and/or its employees or agents, as their interests may appear.
10. Entire Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete, total and final understanding of the parties and no other understanding or representations, oral or written, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind the parties hereto at the time of execution.

**WITNESS: «Organization\_Name»**

_____	By: _____
Witness Signature	Organizational Representative Signature
_____	Printed Name:
_____	
Witness Printed Name	Title:
_____	

**WITNESS: Rural Maryland Council**

_____	By: _____
Witness Signature Signature	Organizational Representative

\_\_\_\_\_ Davis

Witness Printed Name

Printed Name: Charlotte

Title: Executive Director

**Fiscal Year 2027 Rural Health Pillar 3 Transformation Fund  
Grant Agreement**

**Exhibit 1**

**Name of Grantee Organization:** «Organization\_Name»

**Amount Awarded:** Amount Awarded  
Requested

**Amount Requested:** Amount

**Scope of Work Summary:**

Scope of Work summary

**Deliverables:**

Funded deliverables

