



FY 2026 Rural Health Transformation Grant (RHTG) Presidential Fitness Test Implementation

What are the goals and objectives of the grant?

The core goal of the FY 2026 RHTG is to establish a sustained, state-administered pass-through subaward program that increases and maintains the Presidential Fitness Award test across Nevada's rural, frontier, and tribal Local Education Agencies (LEAs). The specific objective is to improve access to physical education equipment for at least 25% of schools/districts in participating LEAs to directly address the 28.9% physical inactivity rate and severe childhood obesity rates in the "Balance of State" cohort.

What schools are eligible to apply for this grant?

This grant specifically targets Nevada's 14 rural and frontier counties. The geographic jurisdictions that may benefit from this pass-through funding include, but are not limited to: Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey, and White Pine. There is an equity focus on prioritizing equipment distribution to rural, underserved districts, and Title I schools that currently lack physical resources.

What are the key application deadlines and project milestones?

Application Release: The application package and funding formula will be approved and released by NDE no later than September 17, 2026.

What are the allowable and unallowable costs for this grant application?

Allowable Costs:

The primary focus of this funding is the large-scale procurement of physical education equipment to support testing. Based on the approved Budget Plan, allowable equipment purchases include:

Cardiovascular & Aerobic Heart Rate Monitors, Jump Rope Packages, Pedometers, Audio Pacer Test, Bluetooth Speaker Kits, Strength & Endurance Pull-Up Bars, Foam Medicine Balls, Resistance Tubing Kits, Push-Up Testers, Agility Ladders, Foam Agility Boxes, Measuring Tapes, Stopwatches, Tally Counters, Safety & Management Exercise Mats/Pads,

First Aid Kits, Blood Pressure Monitors, Cones, Whistles, Clipboards, and additional Plyometric equipment.

Unallowable Costs:

Direct financial incentives for individuals, Sign-on bonuses, Relocation stipends, Tuition support to individuals, or Indirect costs.

What reporting and data collection will be required?

Participating rural LEAs must maintain a detailed list of all equipment purchased, tracking inventory with 2 CFR 200 compliant asset inventory tags. Districts must achieve a 100% data logging completion rate for compiling Healthy Fitness Zone (HFZ) attainment profiles across targeted 5th, 8th, and 9th-grade cohorts using a FERPA-compliant Student Information System (SIS).

Will training be provided for the new equipment?

Yes. NDE will deploy a virtual, asynchronous training module designed to standardize Presidential Youth Fitness Program (PYFP) testing protocols across all target sites. Designated physical education instructional staff must complete this training by the August 30, 2027 deadline. NDE will track LMS user completion certificates for verification.

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