

# FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION

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## **Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities and Office of Rural Health**

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Appropriations Committees on  
Health and Human Services**

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# Agenda

## Office of Rural Health

- Overview
- Budget
- COVID-19 Response

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# Overview Office of Rural Health

- Located within the Office of the Secretary
- The North Carolina Office of Rural Health (ORH) supports equitable access to health in rural and underserved communities.
  - Funding
  - Training
  - Technical Assistance (e.g. Analytics and Innovations Team)



# Office of Rural Health

## FY 2021-23 Biennium Base Budget

Program	Requirements	Receipts	Net Appropriation
Rural Health Service Administration	\$1,199,400	\$413,358	\$786,042
Rural Health Recruitment and Retention	\$4,473,600	\$2,648,866	\$1,824,734
Telemedicine	\$1,833,137	\$-	\$1,833,137
Rural Health Infrastructure	\$21,560,302	\$2,744,890	\$18,815,412
Low Income Drug Medical Assistance	\$5,820,025	\$3,695,706	\$2,124,319
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,886,464</b>	<b>\$9,502,820</b>	<b>\$25,383,644</b>
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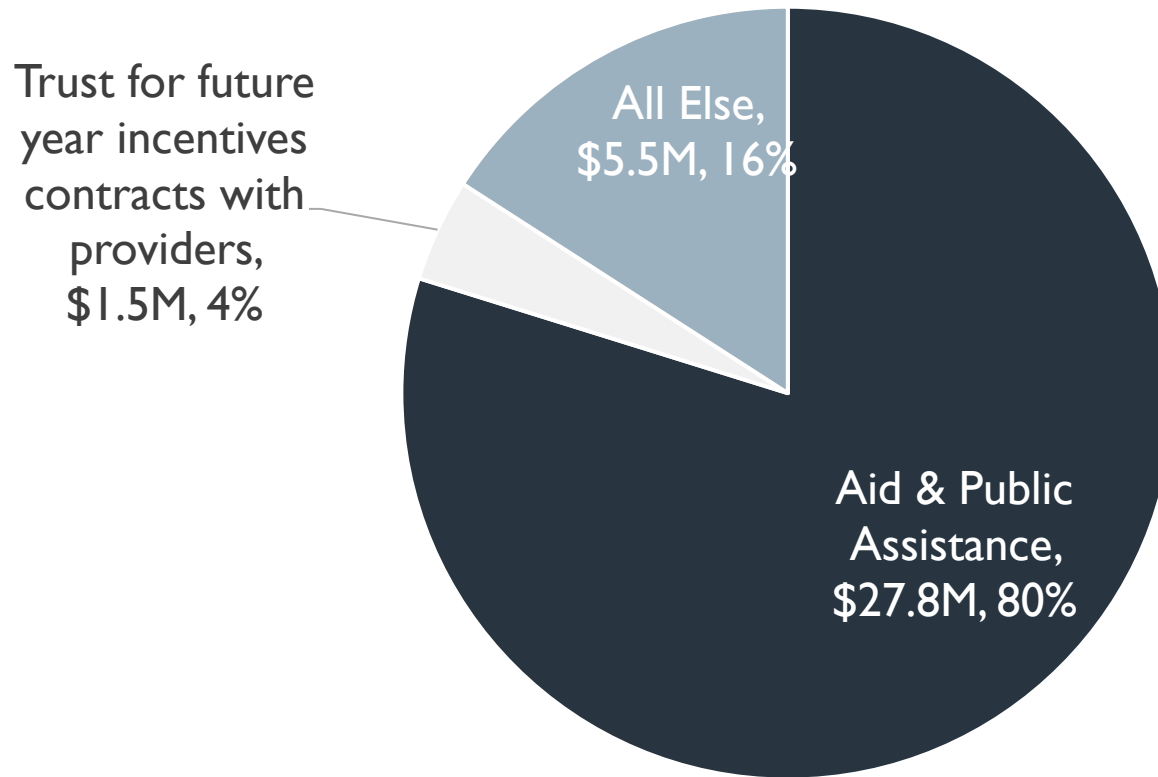
Source: DCMS Worksheet I, Biennium 2021-23.



# Office of Rural Health

## FY 2021-23 Biennium Base Budget

Requirements  
\$34.9M Total



Source: DCMS Worksheet I, Biennium 2021-23.



# Office of Rural Health COVID-19 Response

- \$8M Uninsured COVID-19 Primary Care Fund – ORH worked with DHB to develop program to provide \$150/encounter for uninsured COVID related primary care visits
- \$6.5M in CARES funding for NC MedAssist
- Community Health Worker Program - Funded vendors to recruit, train and manage 400+ Community Health Workers in 53 Counties with COVID-19 Hot Spots
- Technical assistance and planning support
  - Telehealth
  - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for primary care
  - Webinars for rural health provider



# Overview Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities (OMHHD)

*Promote and advocate for the elimination of health disparities among all racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved populations in North Carolina*

- Located within the Office of the Secretary
- Requirements \$3.2M for 2021-23 Biennium; All net appropriation,
- Current approaches:
  - N.C. Minority Diabetes Prevention Program (NC MDPP)
  - Cultural and Community Health Initiatives
  - N.C. Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (NC CLAS) Program

Source: DPH Worksheet I, Biennium 2021-23.



# OMHHD COVID-19 Response

## Historically Marginalized Populations Work Group

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| ▪ Prevention                           | ▪ Behavioral Health                                       |
| ▪ Testing                              | ▪ Procurement (Economic Opportunity and Equity)           |
| ▪ Case Investigation & Contact Tracing | ▪ Wrap-Around Services (Quarantine and Isolation Support) |

Funded 5 LatinX community organizations and 4 African-American community organizations to support the Department's efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic





# Questions?

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