

Site-Based Clinical Training Grant (SBCT)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Description of the SBCT Grant:

The Site-Based Clinical Training Grant is authorized under [Minnesota Statute Sec. 144.1508 \(https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/144.1508\)](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/144.1508). It is administered by the Minnesota Department of Health Office of Rural Health and Primary Care. The purpose of the grant is to support clinical health care training in Minnesota.

Questions and Communications:

Submit questions in writing no later than **4:30 p.m. Central Time, on September 25, 2025**, to ClinicalTraining.MDH@state.mn.us. Identify the Application ID Number and Clinical Training Site Name in all correspondence.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the funding available for training that occurred in FY2024?

FY2026 funding is \$4,657,000 for clinical training that occurred in FY2024.

Am I guaranteed a specific amount of funding?

Grants are determined based on eligibility criteria, formula, and Commissioner priorities.

Does this funding replace the Medical Education Research Costs (MERC) Grant?

This grant provides separate funding to clinical training sites that meet additional eligibility criteria as outlined in [Minnesota Statutes 144.1508 \(https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/144.1508\)](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/144.1508).

Our site is currently not enrolled in the Minnesota Health Care Program (MHCP), is the site still eligible for the Site-Based Clinical Training Grant?

If the site is not enrolled in the MHCP, the site must be funded in part by sliding fee scale services and provide proof of the sliding fee scale offered. Please contact ClinicalTraining.MDH@state.mn.us for initial guidance.

Our site did not provide clinical training to a minimum of 0.10 eligible FTE trainees (208 hours) in fiscal year 2024. We don't qualify for the MERC Grant since we are under the minimum FTE requirements for that program. Are there minimum FTE requirements for this grant?

There is no minimum FTE requirement for this grant. You must meet other SBCT Grant eligibility criteria.

Our clinical training site did not incur a minimum of \$5,000 in clinical training expenditures related to the eligible trainees. Is our site still eligible for this grant?

The SBCT Grant does not have a minimum clinical training expenditure requirement. Applicants applying only for the SBCT Grant will not be asked to submit expenditure data as required in Step Two of the MERC grant application. The site must meet other SBCT Grant eligibility criteria.

What is the timeline for the grant application submission?

The SBCT Grant follows the MERC Grant Application timeline, application workflow, and funding workflow.

Will I be required to complete a Grant Verification Report (GVR)?

All Sponsoring Institutions and a select number of Clinical Training Sites will be required to complete a GVR through the Online Portal.

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