



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
RURAL COMMUNITIES HEALTH CARE INVESTMENT PROGRAM
APPLICATION EVALUATION SHEET

TODD STAPLES, COMMISSIONER

PROJECT INFORMATION	
Applicant:	Application No.: «Project_Number»

PROPOSAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA <i>(Items must be met to be considered for funding - to be completed by TDA staff.)</i>	YES	NO
• Is the Applicant a Texas Resident?		
• Is the application complete and signed by both the applicant and employer?		
• Does the Applicant hold a Texas License, other than a MD or DO?		
• Is the current or proposed rural service appropriate for the term of the award?		
• Does the employer serve clients that receive at least one form of indigent care?		
• Is the employer located in a qualified community?		
• Applicant is not simultaneously participating in any other loan forgiveness, repayment, or stipend program?		

Is the Applicant requesting funds for:	_____ Loan Repayment	_____ Stipend
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Eligible applications received by the deadline will be scored based on the following criteria:

Competitive Evaluation (to be completed by TDA staff)	Max points	
• County not considered part of a metropolitan statistical area (10 points)	10	
• Employment information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Employer information is known and provided (10 points) ○ Applicant is or will be self-employed (5 points) ○ Employer information is unknown (0 points) 	10	
• Applicant will be a full-time employee - 40 or more hours per week (10 points)	10	
• In regards to the license an applicant will use while completing service in the qualified community, the applicant graduated from a degree program in Texas (10 points)	10	
• Applicant will use telecommunication - not solely or as the primary method, but to supplement or enhance the health-care provided (5 points)	5	
• Ratio of outstanding student loans compared to estimated annual starting salary – applicants will be evaluated in comparison to the other applicants’ ratios. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applicants with a ratio in the top 1/3 of all loan applicants – <i>with the most loans compared to their estimated starting salary</i> (15 points) ○ Applicants with a ratio in the middle 1/3 of all loan applicants (10 points) ○ Applicants with a ratio in the bottom 1/3 of all loan applicants 1/3 - <i>with the least amount of loans compared to their estimated starting salary</i> (5 points) ○ Applicants not completing information or requesting a stipend payment (0 points) 	15	
TOTAL SECTION SCORE	60	



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Competitive Evaluation (to be completed by reviewers)	Maximum Points (40)
Please rate the following areas from 1-4, with 4 being the highest score. Additional weights will be added as noted below.	
Applicant Narrative	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rate the Applicant’s personal statement on decision to move to a rural area. <i>(15 points)</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rate the Applicant’s past rural experience. <i>(10 points)</i> 	
Community Need Narrative	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rate community’s need – Evidence of shortage. <i>(5 points)</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rate community’s need – Evidence of need for services. <i>(5 points)</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rate community’s support for Applicant, including contributions by community/employer to assist Applicant. <i>(5 points)</i> 	

STRENGTHS / WEAKNESSES <i>Comments may be shared with the applicant; any constructive feedback provided is important and will be beneficial for future submissions.</i>
<p>What are some of the strengths and/or weaknesses of this proposal?</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>