

SOUTH COUNTRY ANNOUNCES GRANTS

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South Country Health Alliance to Award up to \$2.16 million in Grants through its Community Impact Program

MEDFORD, Minn., July 11, 2024 – South Country Health Alliance has announced the organization will award up to \$2.16 million total in grants through its South Country Cares Community Impact Program. Proposals are being accepted now through September 30, 2024, for initiatives that will benefit South Country members and help address the challenges and health disparities of living in rural Minnesota. South Country has reinvested more than \$22 million in its communities through the program since 2001.

“South Country was built on a founding principle of reinvesting in our communities when financial conditions allow,” said Leota Lind, South Country’s CEO. “We are proud to offer this grant opportunity to support providers and community organizations that provide services to improve the health and well-being of our members in our rural communities.”

South Country is a county-owned health plan. Through partnerships with public health, social services, and local health care providers and organizations, South Country supports accessible, quality health care for enrollees in Minnesota’s publicly funded health care programs.

Community providers and organizations are encouraged to apply for grants to expand service delivery and/or program options that serve South Country members in Brown, Dodge, Goodhue, Sibley, Steele, Wabasha and Waseca counties. Special attention will be given to proposals that focus on the areas of behavioral health, homelessness and/or social isolation. Respondents may propose grant funding for projects up to two years and South Country may award qualified applicants up to \$250,000 in grant funds.

According to Lind, South Country plans to select and announce the grant recipients later this year and grant funds will be provided the beginning of 2025.

Additional information and the grant application packet is available on South Country’s [website](#). Questions can be submitted via email to grants@mnscha.org.

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About South Country Health Alliance

South Country Health Alliance is a county-based purchasing health plan owned by eight Minnesota counties — Brown, Dodge, Goodhue, Kanabec, Sibley, Steele, Wabasha and Waseca — in a joint effort to support accessible, quality health care through partnerships with community services and local health care providers for Minnesota Health Care Program enrollees.



South Country began enrolling members in November 2001 and now has more than 25,000 members. The health plan offers seven programs to meet the health care needs of Minnesota Health Care Program enrollees in its service area.

For more information about South Country, call 1-866-567-7242 or visit www.mnscha.org.

For additional assistance or guidance on the information above, please see the resource below.

South Country Provider Contact Center

1-888-633-4055

Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Provider Contact Center staff are available as your first point of contact to assist with the following.

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| Member benefit coverage | Provider web portal issues |
| Authorization verification | Claim rejection guidance |
| Website questions | General information |
| Claims billing and processing guidelines | |
| Remittance adjustment code details and payment information | |

South Country wants to ensure providers are reimbursed for services provided to our members and following all billing guidelines. Our staff are committed to support and guide you in understanding all South Country processes and procedures. In addition, callers that utilize our Provider Contact Center are provided a reference number that identifies your call in our system. Please keep the reference number in your records to refer to if you have any additional questions or need to check the status of an open issue. The reference number will help the representative locate your issue quickly.

