

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3976

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to hospitals; creating the Rural and
8 Small Hospital Grant Program; determining uses for
9 the funds; requiring matching funds; allowing for
10 rules to be promulgated; creating the Rural and Small
11 Hospital Grant Revolving Fund; establishing revolving
fund characteristics; deeming funds appropriated;
providing expenditure and budgeting requirements and
limitations; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3320 of Title 63, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 There is hereby created, at the Oklahoma State Department of
19 Health, the Rural and Small Hospital Grant Program. The grant
20 program shall benefit rural or small hospitals to help with
21 infrastructure, equipment, or technology needs such hospitals may
22 have in opening a facility or to keep a facility open. Hospitals
23 applying shall have at least twenty percent (20%) matching funds
24 towards the project, and those funds may be in-kind donations. The

1 Department may promulgate rules for the grant program. The
2 Department shall use funds in the Rural and Small Hospital Grant
3 Revolving Fund created in subsection B of this act to fund the
4 program.

5 B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
6 fund for the Oklahoma State Department of Health to be designated
7 the "Rural and Small Hospital Grant Revolving Fund". The fund shall
8 be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and
9 shall consist of all monies directed for deposit to the fund by law.
10 All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby
11 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Department for
12 the purpose of the Rural and Small Hospital Grant Program.
13 Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by
14 the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with
15 the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for
16 approval and payment.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.
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