

Notice of Intent to Release

To all interested parties:

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (the Agency) is providing this notice of intent to release a request for proposal (RFP) on or around May 8, 2026; to procure RFP# COMPADM26008 Combat Cancer Health Hub Program, Round 2. This procurement is for establishing the framework for hub and spoke networks of care for the delivery of cancer care in Iowa. The Agency anticipates that this work may include forming rural provider strategic partnerships, advancing telehealth, establishing referral networks and agreements (particularly among non-affiliated provider organizations), provider recruitment, equipment purchases and associated minor renovations, and other funds needed to establish or advance the provision of cancer care at spoke sites providing routine cancer care and hub sites providing specialty care and advanced cancer care. Please see the Agency's Rural Health Transformation Grant website (Rural Health Transformation (RHT) | Health & Human Services) for additional information about the Healthy Hometowns initiative.

The RFP for the Combat Cancer Health Hub Program, Round 2, RFP # COMPADM26008, that the Agency anticipates releasing on or around May 8, 2026, will be posted to [IowaGrants](#). The following is a tentative timeline for the RFP; these dates are estimates and are subject to change:

May-June 2026: Question and answer period after release of the RFP

Mid-June 2026: Deadline for bid proposals.

August 2026: HHS to award contract(s)

September 2026: Contract begins.

Sincerely,

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