# **Migrant Health Centers Can Use Federal Funding to Reduce Operating Costs and Improve Resilience**

With support from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Migrant Health Centers around the country serve one million migrant and seasonal agricultural workers and their families. The **Inflation Reduction Act** offers billions of dollars that can support the mission of Migrant Health Centers by improving emergency preparedness and lowering operating expenses.

## **Investments to Support Migrant Health Centers**

The tax credits listed below are eligible for "elective pay," meaning that **non-profit, tax-exempt organizations** can receive a payment equal to the full value of the credits. In general, the grant and loan programs listed below can be used for the same project as the tax credits, subject to certain requirements and limitations.

### **On-Site Renewable Energy Generation**

On-site energy generation can save money and ensure consistent power for the facility, even in an emergency.



The Investment Tax Credit for Energy Property can support investments such as solar, small wind, energy storage, microgrid controllers, and combined heat and power. The credit increases if certain requirements are met, including if a property is in a low-income or energy community.



Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund loans can support many similar projects including smallscale power generation and/or storage technologies. The Fund finances clean energy and climate projects with an emphasis on benefits to low-income and disadvantaged communities.

### Low-Emissions Transportation

Funding for low-emissions transportation can support fleet investments such as mobile clinics.



- Two key tax credits can support low-emissions transportation:
- The Credit for Qualified Commercial Clean Vehicles is for purchasers of qualified clean vehicles, including passenger vehicles, buses, and ambulances.
- The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit is for charging stations using fuels including electricity and ethanol in low-income and non-urban areas.



The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund can also support zero emissions transportation, including electric vehicles and charging stations.

### **Community Resilience Investments**

Addressing environmental health needs can improve community wellbeing and resilience.



The Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program can fund partnerships to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to respond to environmental and climate justice challenges. For example, the Program can offer grants for the creation of or upgrades to community-level resilience hubs.

The above programs are administered by the Department of the Treasury and Environmental Protection Agency.



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