

Office of Rural Health Policy – Upcoming Funding Opportunities 2012-13

The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) administers a number of grant programs to support rural health care delivery. HRSA's Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) serves as the focal point for rural health activities within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

HRSA has developed a webpage specifically for providing technical assistance for potential applications (<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/index.html>). Please bookmark this site for your own reference and promote it with potential applicants you are working with in your state. The portal includes slide presentations and recorded webinars for more detailed information on specific topics. This portal provides information about:

- HRSA funding opportunities,
- how to register in the various systems needed to submit an application,
- finding opportunities and submitting them in grants.gov,
- tips for writing a strong application, and
- an explanation of the HRSA application review process (a great way to learn about the review process is to become a reviewer, please sign up and encourage others to sign up as well):
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/reviewers/index.html>

Upcoming Funding Opportunities in FY 2013:

Small Healthcare Provider Quality Program: The purpose of the Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (SHCPQI) Grant Program is to improve patient care and chronic disease outcomes by assisting rural primary care providers with the implementation of quality improvement (QI) initiatives using the Chronic Care Model and electronic patient registries (EPR). This program is a 3-year grant program with individual grant awards limited to a maximum of \$150,000 per year.

Eligibility: The lead applicant has to be non-profit and in a rural area or a Federally-recognized tribal organization or an organization that provides services exclusively to migrant farm workers.

Availability: The Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) was released November 30, 2012 and is due January 30, 2013.

Program Contact: Ann Ferrero, aferrero@hrsa.gov or 301-443-3999.

Telehealth Network Grant Program (TNGP): The primary objective of the TNGP is to demonstrate how telehealth programs and networks can improve access to quality health care services in rural, frontier, and underserved communities. TNGP networks are used to: (a) expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of health care services; (b) improve and expand the training of health care providers; and/or (c) expand and improve the quality of health information available to health care providers, and patients and their families, for decision-making. However, as noted below, because of legislative restrictions, grants will be limited to programs that serve rural communities, although grantees may be located in urban or rural areas.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include rural or urban nonprofit entities that will provide services through a telehealth network. Each entity participating in the networks may be a nonprofit or for-profit entity. Faith-based, community-based organizations and tribal organizations are eligible to apply. Services must be provided to rural communities, although the applicant can be located in an urban area.

Availability: The FOA should be released in December 2012, with a start date of September 1, 2013.

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Key Websites:

HRSA: www.hrsa.gov

Office of Rural Health Policy:
www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov

Technical Assistance:
<http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

Rural Eligibility:
<http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/RuralAdvisor/RuralHealthAdvisor.aspx>

Upcoming Funding Opportunities in FY 2014:

Rural Network Development Program: The primary objective of the Rural Health Network Development Grant Program (RHND) is to assist health networks enhance and build their capacity to help improve health care delivery in rural communities. The program seeks to increase access to and the quality of rural health care and ultimately, improve the health status of rural residents. Networks should have a significant history of organizational collaboration and must have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) prior to applying to this program. This program is a three year grant program with individual grant awards limited to a maximum of \$180,000 per year.

Eligibility: The lead applicant has to be non-profit and in a rural area or a Federally-recognized tribal organization or an organization that provides services exclusively to migrant farm workers. In addition to this, the lead applicant has to form a network with at least two other organizations. These two other organizations can be rural, urban, non-profit or for-profit.

Availability: The FOA is estimated for release fall of 2013

Program Contact: Leticia Manning, lmanning@hrsa.gov or 301-443-8335.

Rural Network Planning Program: This one-year program supports planning activities to improve health care delivery in rural areas with a focus on supporting the development of networks to help hospitals, clinics and social service organizations work together to address local health care challenges. The program provides up to \$85,000 and allows applicants to develop a business or strategic plan, conduct a needs assessment, conduct a HIT readiness and ultimately form a network.

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Availability: The FOA is estimated for release summer 2013

Program Contact: Linda Kwon, lkwon@hrsa.gov or 301-594-4205.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities in FY 2015:

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program: The purpose of the Outreach program is to promote rural health care services outreach by expanding the delivery of health care services to include new and enhanced services in rural areas. Applicants have to demonstrate the need in their community by providing local data compared to State and National level data. Applicants can use the funds to conduct health screenings, health fairs, education and training of providing and any other health service delivery activities that do **not** involve inpatient care. This program is a three year grant program with individual grant awards limited to a maximum of \$150K a year.

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Availability: The FOA is estimated for release fall of 2014

Program Contact: Kathryn Umali, kumali@hrsa.gov or 301-443-7444.

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RESOURCE FOR GRANTS, FUNDING AND COMMUNITY REPORTS

Rural Assistance Center

The Rural Assistance Center or [RAC ONLINE](#) offers valuable easy to use funding opportunity resources

Statistics and Data

This guide contains sources for national, state, and county-level statistics and data focusing on a wide range of topics. While many are strictly-related to rural health and human services, others include data for urban areas and populations

Funding Tips

Helpful pointers to complete a successful funding a request or application

Am I Rural?

This service can be used to help determine whether a specific location is considered rural based on various definitions of rural, including definitions that are used as eligibility criteria for federal programs. The information provided by this service addresses only the rural aspect of a program's requirements. Your "Am I Rural?" report is not a guarantee of your eligibility status

Funding Opportunities

Summaries of funding programs are provided by RAC for your convenience. Please contact the funder directly for the most complete and current information. You can access funding information several ways

Call Center

Need help finding information? RAC can provide free assistance customized to your needs.

Phone: 1-800-270-1898

Email: info@raconline.org

