

# HRSA Office of Rural Health Policy Grant Opportunities for Rural Communities: Information Sheet

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The timelines were revised for three often used federal grants by Iowa's rural communities were. The grants strengthen the rural health care delivery system at the community, regional, and State level by improving the viability of the individual providers in a network, by funding formal, horizontally or vertically integrated networks and by promoting the expansion of rural health care services outreach through new and enhanced services in rural areas.

IDPH, Iowa Office of Rural Health has updated information on three federal grant opportunities. The federal Office of Rural Health Policy in the Health Services and Resources Administration, (HRSA) makes the following grants available for rural communities.

- **Rural Health Outreach grants** support service delivery through collaboration. Each grantee forms a consortium with at least two partners.
- **Network Development grants** support the development of networks of at least three health care organizations that integrate systems of care administratively, clinically, financially and technologically.
- **Network Development Planning** one-year grants support planning to develop and operationalize health care networks.
- **Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement** grants assist rural providers with implementation of quality improvement strategies

HRSA's new timetable is shown here:

## Competitive Funding Cycles for Outreach, Network Development and Quality Improvement

	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Outreach		X			X
Network Development	X			X	
Small Health Care Provider Quality	X		X		
Network Planning*	X	X	X	X	X

\*Network Planning will be offered yearly because it is a one-year program.

Since 2005 rural communities in Iowa have received over 2 million grant dollars to initiate health, wellness and prevention programs. To learn more about ORHP grants including location and grantees from Iowa, go to <http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/>

## Other Important Tips:

- Applicants must be registered in Grants.gov in order to apply.
- The applicant and project needs to be in a rural area to apply (check <http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/> to determine eligibility).
- Grants need to be community-driven and reflect a broad consortium of at least two independent entities rather than one single entity in charge. The lead applicant needs to be a not-for-profit entity. Health care is fairly broadly defined so this can be used for what some folks consider human services.
- Notify the Iowa State Office of Rural Health (SORH) early in the application process to advise of your intent to apply. Applications should be prepared in consultation with the SORH. Applicants should include a letter of support, or other written proof of consultation, from the SORH indicating you have contacted them regarding your project during the planning and development process.

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