



Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program

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This new Network Development Planning Grant Program provides one year of funding to rural communities that seek to develop a formal integrated health care network and that do not have a significant history of collaboration. The planning grants are to be used to develop a formal network with the purpose of improving the coordination of health services in rural communities and strengthening the rural health care system as a whole. Existing networks that seek to expand services or expand their service area are not eligible to apply.

DEADLINE: Application due date is September 15, 2008.

Eligibility	Funding	Requirements	Additional Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant organization must be a public or non-profit entity that includes at least three or more health care providers. • The applicant organization must be located in rural area or in a rural ZIP code of an urban county • Existing networks that seek to expand services or expand their service area are not eligible to apply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The approximate amount of funding available is \$1,700,000. • 20 awards are expected to be made 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1) Those applicants where the service area is located in officially designated health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) or medically underserved communities (MUCs) or serve medically underserved populations (MUPs) • (2) Applicants whose projects focus on primary care, and wellness and prevention strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are due September 15, 2008. • For more detailed information, please visit the HRSA website.

