



Small Rural Hospital Improvement (SHIP) Grant Program

Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

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The Office of Rural Health Policy's Small Rural Hospital Improvement (SHIP) Grant Program provides funding to small rural hospitals to help them do any or all of the following: 1) pay for costs related to the implementation of PPS, 2) comply with provisions of HIPAA and 3) reduce medical errors and support quality improvement.

DEADLINE: The deadline has passed. The due date was April 6, 2009. Guidance for the next competitive cycle is not yet available.

Eligibility	Funding	Requirements	Additional Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small hospital (defined as 49 available beds or less) • Rural • Non-Federal, short-term, general acute care facility • In addition, all designated Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) are eligible, as well as hospitals with fewer than 50 beds located in an area designated by any State law or regulation as a rural area or as a rural hospital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the 2009 cycle, HRSA expected to fund for the budget period of September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009 in the amount of \$15 million for approximately 1,600 hospitals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each applicant must submit their proposal using appropriate form(s): Public Health Service (PHS) Application Form 5161-1 • Required forms include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Budget information ▪ Assurances ▪ Certifications ▪ Disclosure of Lobbying Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible applicants should contact their state rural health association • For more information, contact Jeanene R. Meyers, MPH, at 301-443-2482 or at JMeyers@hrsa.gov.

