



Rural Health Network Development Grant Program

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<http://ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/funding/network.htm>

The Rural Health Network Development (RHND) Program provides funding to support activities that strengthen the organizational capabilities of rural health networks. The program is designed to support organizations that wish to further ongoing collaborative relationships to integrate systems of care administratively, clinically, financially, and technologically. The ultimate goal of the Program is to strengthen the rural health care delivery system by improving the viability of the individual providers in the network, and/or improving the delivery of care to people serviced by the network.

DEADLINE: Guidance for the next competitive cycle will be released during the summer of 2010 and awards will be issued in the spring of 2011.

Eligibility	Funding	Requirements	Additional Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant organization must be a public or non-profit health care provider located in a rural area. • The network is composed of at least three separate, existing organizations; organizations that are jointly owned are not considered separate. • The Network has a formal organizational relationship. Each member of the network must sign a Memorandum of Agreement or other formal collaborative agreement. • All network members must demonstrate a strong and measurable commitment to the network and share a history of collaboration and accomplishment commensurate with the network’s developmental stage. • At least one key problem or issue must be identified that the network will address. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For FY 2008, 30 awards were expected with a total of \$5,400,00 for funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants submitting for this funding opportunity are required to submit electronically through Grants.gov. • The legislation for this program states that applications should be prepared in consultation with your State Office of Rural Health (SORH) or other appropriate State government entity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications were due October 15, 2007. • Applicants that can demonstrate that the network uses telehealth or other emerging technology, addresses oral health or mental health care needs, or includes at least one Critical Access Hospital will receive a maximum of five additional points in the scoring process. • The ORHP does not anticipate holding a competitive funding cycle for this program in FY 2009 and FY 2010. The next competitive cycle is expected for 2011.

