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National Center for Farmworker Health, Inc.



Funding Opportunity Alert May 2011

HRSA-11-137: RURAL HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY NETWORK DEVELOPMENT (RHITND) PROGRAM

CFDA-93.912

Due Date: May 27, 2011

Available Funding: \$12,000,000

Number of Awards: 40

Award Amount: \$300,000

Length of Funding: 3 years

Purpose: The Rural Health Information Technology Network Program is authorized under Section 330A (f) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The purpose of the program is to expand access to, coordinate and improve the quality of essential health care services, and enhance the delivery of health care in rural areas.

The program will support rural providers who work in formal networks, alliances, coalitions or partnerships in their effort to effectively achieve "meaningful use" requirements. It is anticipated that this will be a one-time funding opportunity to assist networks in attaining meaningful use standards for electronic health records and other HIT activities that will support the achievement of meaningful use. Some activities that can be supported by grant funds are as follows: workforce analysis; EHR strategic plan development; EHR training; purchase of HIT equipment; identify and locate certified HIT equipment vendors; and installation of broadband.

Networks should have a history of organizational collaboration and must have a memorandum of understanding (MOU) prior to applying to this program.

Eligibility:

- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501 (C)(3) status with IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Others. See text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification

Additional Information on Eligibility: Applicants for the RHITND program must meet at least one of the three requirements stated below:

1. The lead applicant organization must be located in a rural area or in a rural census tract of an urban county, and all services must be provided in a rural county or census tract. To ascertain rural eligibility, please refer to: <http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/RuralAdvisor/> and enter the applicant organization's state and county. A network serving rural communities but whose applicant organization is not in a designated rural area will not be considered for funding under this announcement; OR

2. The applicant organization exists exclusively to provide services to migrant and seasonal farm workers in rural areas and is supported under Section 330G of the Public Health Service Act (documentation of status as a Section 330G Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers organization must be uploaded as Attachment 8). These organizations are eligible regardless of the urban or rural location of the administrative headquarters; OR
3. The applicant is a Tribal government whose grant-funded activities will be conducted within their Federally-recognized Tribal area (documentation from the federal register should be uploaded as Attachment 7). In addition to the 50 states, applicants may be located in the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Territories of the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Compact Free Association Jurisdictions of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia. If applicants are located outside the 50 states, they still have to meet the rural eligibility requirements.

Pre-application T/A call: May 10th at 2pm EST. Phone 1-888 -577-8992 (Code is HIT)

Hyperlink:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=kqm8N4cF3Z3STSzYZ8Vk0B2zsG8hWt9Zy8Cwn7QyzcHJK2z6V2K!-210279180?oppld=90039&mode=VIEW>