

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant

- Intended to support the planning and development of a formal health care network to improve health care delivery in rural areas
- One year grant, up to \$100,000
- Allows for development of a business or strategic plan, conduct a needs assessment, conduct health information technology readiness, and ultimately form a network
- <http://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/community/index.html>

Rural Health Network Development Program

- Assist health oriented networks in developing and maintaining sustainable networks with self-generating revenue streams
- Supports networks in integrating administrative, clinical, technological, and financial functions
- Three year grant program, up to \$300,000 per year
- Often follows a successful Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant
- <http://www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/community/index.html>

Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)

Rural Health Care Program – Healthcare Connect Fund

- Provides discount on eligible expenses related to broadband connectivity to both individual rural health care providers & consortia (can include non-rural)
- <http://www.universalservice.org/rhc/>

Department of Commerce

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

- Expanding broadband internet access
- State Broadband Initiative & Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
- <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/grants-combined>

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Rural Development Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program

- Intended to benefit areas/towns up to 20,000 in population
- 15% minimum matching requirement
- Minimum grant award: \$50,000; maximum: \$500,000
- Funding available for eligible capital (interactive video equipment, audio/video equipment, inside wiring, computer hardware/software, and others), instructional programming, and technical assistance/instruction for using eligible equipment (not for salaries, administrative costs, etc...)
- Application is once a year (end of May/early June), announced 60 days in advance of due date
- Rural Development staff assistance available for application process
- http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_dlt.html

Rural Development Community Facilities (CF) Direct Loan & Grant Program

- \$70 million Direct Loans / \$10 million Grants
- Areas/towns up to 20,000 in population
- Funding available to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety, and community and public services
- http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/had-cf_grants.html