

Creating Funding for HIT

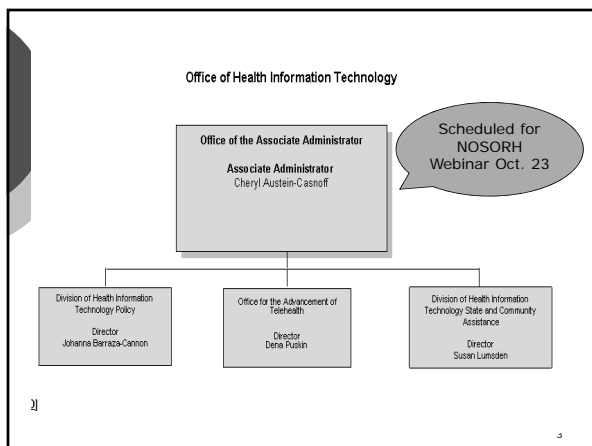
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HRSA Office of Health Information Technology

- o Division of Health Information Technology Policy
- o Office for the Advancement of Telehealth
- o Division of HIT State and Community Assistance

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Starting 2007, HRSA Office of HIT Grants to CHCs (\$31.4m)

- o E.H.R. Implementation for Health Center Controlled Networks
- o HIT Planning Grants for Health Center Controlled Networks
- o HIT Innovations for Health Center Controlled Networks
- o High Impact E.H.R. Implementation for Health enter Controlled Networks and Large Site Health Centers

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CHC Collaborators in HIT grants

- o An option for Health Center Controlled Networks is to have three ore more collaborators which can include entities such as health centers, universities, CBOs, public health departments, entities funded through HRSA's HIV/AIDS and MCH Bureaus (e.g., OAT), or the Office of Rural Health Policy (e.g., CAHs!!).

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HRSA Office for the Advancement of Telehealth—Funding Anticipated 2009

- o Watch for RFP in 2009
- o Telehealth is the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health and health administration.

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HRSA Office of Rural Health Policy

- o Flex funding for H.I.T subcontracts to critical access hospitals
- o Rural Health Outreach grants for direct services – it is possible to highlight electronic health records (Due 10/16/08)
- o Rural Health Network Planning and Network Development Grants – think health information exchange systems (Deadline past)

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**Information Technology Job Training—
One example**

- o Ball State University, Indiana, received funding to train skilled workers for the IT industry:
 - U.S. Department of Labor- \$927,000
 - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: \$231,000

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GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL HUD CONTACTS
<http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm>



The screenshot shows a web page titled "Local HUD Information" from the HUD website. It features a navigation menu on the left with categories like "Homes & Communities", "HUD News", "Homes", "Home Improvements", and "Communities". The main content area includes a "Local Info" section with a sub-heading "Local HUD Information" and a description: "Find information about homes and communities, organized by state." Below this, there are two columns of state names: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, and Massachusetts.

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USDA Rural Utilities

- o The Fiscal Year 2008 Distance Learning & Telemedicine grant application window opened on January 28, 2008 with an announcement in the Federal Register.
- o Grants: \$24.7 million
Minimum: \$50,000
Maximum: \$500,000

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USDA Rural Utilities (Continued)

- o Know your state field office representatives---

 - <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/staff/qfr-state-list.htm>


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Telemedicine Program

PREFERRED FUNDING METHOD
*Loan & Combination Loan/Grant Application Guide
Fiscal Year 2008*

http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/pdf_files/2008-dlt-combo-loan-guide.pdf




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RURAL DEVELOPMENT, UTILITIES PROGRAMS (RURAL DEVELOPMENT)
RUS Bulletin 1738-1
Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program Application Guide



SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO YOUR RURAL DEVELOPMENT GENERAL FIELD REPRESENTATIVE OR TO WASHINGTON BROADBAND OFFICE AT:

Broadband

- o Any technology identified by the Administrator (of USDA) as having the capacity to transmit data to enable a subscriber to originate and receive high quality, voice, graphics, and video. (USDA published transmission criteria)

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Rural Eligibility

- o An incorporated or unincorporated place in the U.S. with under 20,000 inhabitants (may include an area outside the boundaries of the applicant where there is a population above 20,000)

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Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC)


- o Universal Service Fund: The Rural Health Care Program of the Universal Service Fund makes discounts available to eligible rural health care providers for telecommunication services and monthly Internet service charges.
- o FCC "so-called" rural health grant program – NO GRANTS.

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U.S. Department of Commerce TOP

- o US Department of Commerce Technologies Opportunities Program has not been funded since 2004!
- o Forget it!

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WHAT STATE OFFICES OF RURAL HEALTH CAN DO

- Grant writing technical assistance through Webinars.
- GET TO KNOW THE FIELD OFFICE DIRECTORS IN YOUR STATE FOR
 - HUD
 - DOA
- Collaborate with them to provide funding Webinars or conference calls targeted around application announcements.

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