



Navigating AHRQ for Federal Resources

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AHRQ's Mission

Improve the quality, safety, efficiency and effectiveness of health care for all Americans



Research At HHS What is AHRQ's "Space?"



NIH

Biomedical research to prevent, diagnose and treat diseases



CDC

Population health and the role of community based interventions to improve health



AHRQ

Long-term and system-wide improvement of health care quality and effectiveness



Core Business

- Focus on
 - Creation,
 - Synthesis,
 - Dissemination, and
 - Implementation and Use of knowledge
- Improving health care, health care systems and capacity
- Quality, safety, effectiveness and efficiency



AHRQ Organization

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Intra-Agency Portfolios

- Prevention/Care Management
- Health IT
- Value
- Comparative Effectiveness
- Patient Safety
- Innovations/Emerging Issues

AHRQ Agency Recognized Priorities

Geographic:

- Rural
- Inner City

Populations:

- Elderly
- Women
- Children
- Disabled
- Minorities
- Chronic Care
- End of Life
- Low Income

AHRQ Activities Pertaining to Rural Areas

- 141 Extramural Grants, 35 active
- Total AHRQ Dollars Disbursed= \$101,206,947
 - Since January 2002
 - \$4.95 million unpaid to ongoing projects
- Project objectives spread across portfolios and Agency strategic goals

AHRQ Rural Health IT: Where We've Been, Where We're Going

- Over 175 projects and demonstrations focusing on the adoption of health IT to improve quality of care
 - 87 focused primarily in rural areas
- Use of IT applications ease the challenge of providing optimal care in areas of low patient volume

AHRQ Rural Health Projects by Activity Code

For Description of Grant Funding Mechanisms: <http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/grantdesc.htm>

For Listing of Recent Program Announcements: <http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/grantix.htm>

AHRQ Conference Funding-Professional Development

- 9 Awarded since January 2002 with focus on rural health:
 - Evidence-based Practice
 - Use of Information Technology in Rural Hospitals
 - Quality Metrics and Evaluation
 - Indigenous Child Health
 - Patient Centered Care in Emergency Departments
- Average Award Amount= \$38,818

AHRQ National Resource Center for Health IT

<http://healthit.ahrq.gov>

- Disseminates Lessons Learned
- Provides Technical Assistance
- Sponsors National Web Conferences
- Houses Comprehensive Online Knowledge Library

For updates on events and resources, visit: <http://healthit.ahrq.gov/rssfeeds>

For questions, contact: NRC-HealthIT@ahrq.hhs.gov

Utilizing the NRC as a Search Tool

> Ability to select state (or select on interactive map) and specify "rural" as community interest
 > Identify particular care setting (i.e. ambulatory, inpatient, long term care, etc.)
 > Select type of technology of interest to your research team, office, or facility (Telehealth, EHRs, PHRs, Bar Coding, disease mgmt, continuity of care, etc.)

Upcoming Funding Opportunity

- 9/29/2008- Anticipated Publish Date for AHRQ Health IT Recurring Funding Opportunity
 - Proposals to evaluate implementation and utilization of health IT to improve health care safety and quality, focusing on ambulatory settings
 - R03: Small Research Grant
 - R18: Research Demonstration/Dissemination Grant
 - R21: Exploratory/Development Grant

Resources

- www.grants.gov
- AHRQ electronic newsletter – sign up
 1. Send an E-mail message to: listserv@list.ahrq.gov.
 2. In the subject line type: Subscribe.
 3. In the body of the message type: sub public_list-L your full name.
 4. You will receive an E-mail confirmation.

More Available Resources

- AHRQ useful tips on preparing a grant:
 - AHRQ Website: Funding Opportunities Page
<http://www.ahrq.gov/fund/>
 - ◆ Includes current funding announcements, proposal preparation assistance, and protocol overview
 - AHRQ Innovations Exchange:
<http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/>
 - ◆ Improving delivery of care through adoption of novel ideologies and innovative practices

More Available Resources

- Other HHS Resources:
 - "How to Write a Grant application"
<http://www.niaid.nih.gov/ncn/grants>
 - "Introduction to the Funding Process: A Primer"
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/researchFunding/introtofund.cfm>
 - Peer Review Policy and Issues
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/peer/peer.htm>
<http://www.drg.nih.gov/Video/Video.asp>

Thank You

QUESTIONS?

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