

## Small Health Care Provider Grant

### May Request up to \$200,000 per year for up to 3 years!



The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy is pleased to announce the release of the FY 2016 Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Grant Program (announcement number: HRSA-16-019). Application materials are available at:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280808>.

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to provide support to rural primary care providers for implementation of quality improvement activities. There are several changes to the program this year including alignment of the project with Delivery System Reform (DSR), demonstrating an improvement in health status, and showing a reduction in emergency department visits due to chronic disease. Organizations will identify a patient population to track over the three-year project period, implement an evidence-based quality improvement model to provide a framework for improving care delivery, and use health information technology (HIT) to collect, report, and **utilize information on cost and quality**.

Previous grantees have shown significant improvement in management of patients with chronic conditions, such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease. For example, a current grantee established a transitions care program for patients with multiple chronic conditions, resulting in reductions in emergency department use and hospital readmissions. To learn more about currently funded grant projects, please refer to the Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Grant Program Directory: <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/pdf/2013-2016-small-provider-quality-improvement-grantee-directory.pdf>.

Applicants may request **up to \$200,000 per year for up to three years**. The **deadline to apply is March 4, 2016**. Applications must be submitted electronically at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

There will be a live technical assistance webinar on **Tuesday January 19, 2016 at 2:30 PM EST** to assist applicants in preparing their applications. The webinar will be recorded for those unable to participate.

To participate on the webinar, use the following:

URL: <https://hrsaseminar.adobeconnect.com/hrsa-16-019/>

Audio 1-888-603-9222, passcode: 5381444

For further questions on this funding opportunity, please contact Ann Ferrero at [aferrero@hrsa.gov](mailto:aferrero@hrsa.gov) or phone 301-443-3999.