

Alabama



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$72,714

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: AL

County: Bibb, Mobile, Pickens, Washington

Congressman, District: AL-01, 06, 07

Senators:

Recipient: The Greater Mobile Washington County Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Steve Dolan

Mailing Address: 5750-A Southland Drive, Mobile, AL 36693

Telephone: 251-450-5901

Fax: 251-666-7537

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used for interactive telecommunication technology to connect the Mobile Mental Health Center to five community mental health centers in Alabama. Services provided will include psychiatric consultation and treatment, staff education and development, outreach services, and consultation services for other care providers in the rural service areas.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$217,250

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: AL

County: Houston

Congressman, District: AL-02

Senators:

Recipient: Houston County Board of Education

Recipient Contact: Bob Blalock

Mailing Address: 404 W. Washington Street, Dothan, AL 36301

Telephone: 334-792-8331

Fax: 334-792-1016

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be utilized for web-based and interactive distance learning technology to enhance learning opportunities for students and community members in rural Alabama.

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Alaska

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$490,657

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: AK

Borough: Anchorage, Juneau, Kenai Peninsula, Nome Census Area, Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon Census Area, Southeast Fairbanks Census Area

Congressman, District: AK – At large

Senators:

Recipient: Skagway School District

Recipient Contact: Kathy Pierce

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 497, Skagway, AK 99840

Telephone: 907-983-2960

Fax: 907-983-2964

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to enhance the Alaska Technology Communication partnership which provides educational opportunities and adult learning to rural isolated schools. The project will incorporate interactive videoconferencing equipment and digital libraries to provide expanded course content, AP and Honors courses, and educational opportunities for adults.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$219,255

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: AK

County: Boroughs: Sitka, Juneau, Haines
Census Areas: Skagway-Hoonah-Angoon, Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan, Wrangell-Petersburg

Congressman, District: AK – At Large

Senators:

Recipient: Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC)

Recipient Contact: Bob Cita

Mailing Address: 3245 Hospital Drive, Juneau, AK 99801

Telephone: 907-463-4085

Fax: 907-463-4075

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to develop an information technology infrastructure that allows SEARHC to effectively deliver telemedicine and distance learning programs that result in an increase in access to health services for the 12,370 Alaska Native beneficiaries and 6,000 rural residents of twelve isolated communities within Southeast Alaska. Specifically, the project will allow replacement of routers and upgrade of a videoconferencing bridge. The project will increase telebehavioral health, clinical services, and prevention of chronic disease while reducing patient travel and meeting unmet health care needs.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$442,827

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: AK

Cities/Towns: Atmautluak, Bethel, Chefornak, Eek , Juneau, Kasigluk, Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kwethluk, Kwigillingok, Newtok, Nunapitchuk, Quinhagak, Seward

Congressman, District: AK – At Large

Senators:

Recipient: Lower Kuskokwim School District

Recipient Contact: Ted Berry

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 305, Bethel, AK 99559

Telephone: 907-543-4876

Fax: 907-543-4911

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used for a distance learning project that will provide an interesting and challenging curriculum for students as well as allow the district to obtain and share content, provide instruction from highly qualified teachers, expand and enhance professional development for faculty and staff, and connect students located at all remote sites to help them retain their native language and culture.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$50,885

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: AK

Cities/Towns: Anchorage, Coffman Cove, Petersburg, Wrangell

Congressman, District: AK – At Large

Senators:

Recipient: Alaska Island Community Services

Recipient Contact: Mark Walker

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 1231, Wrangell, AK 99929

Telephone: 907-874-2372

Fax: 907-874-2576

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to initiate a telemedicine program which will enhance behavioral and medical health services for clients in rural southeast Alaska. The program will offer three primary services that include telepharmacy, telepsychiatry, and telemedicine (primary care). The program will provide medical professionals in Wrangell, Petersburg, and Anchorage with the means to deliver health care, via telecommunications, to rural residents in the project areas.

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Arizona

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$451,141

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: AZ

County: Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Pima, Pinal, Maricopa, Mojave, Navajo

Congressman, District: AZ-01, 02, 03, 07, 08

Senators:

Recipient: Community Healthcare Centers Collaborative Ventures (CHCCV)

Recipient Contact: Ms. Gln T. Randolph

Mailing Address: 5145 E. Camino Alisa, Tucson, AZ 85718

Telephone: 520-577-1933

Fax: 520-615-8168

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to link residents in 22 rural communities with access to specialty care within their own communities. Clinical collaboratives will address chronic health issues such as diabetes, asthma, and hypertension. Continuing medical opportunities will also be provided through distance learning to staff. Overall 24 CHCCV clinics and health care centers will be able to collaborate, share resources, and expand health care opportunities to rural Arizona residents.

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Arkansas

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$213,184

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: AR

County: Izard

Congressman, District: AR-01

Senators:

Recipient: Community Medical Center of Izard County

Recipient Contact: Ms. Genna G. Nave

Mailing Address: 103 Grasse Street, Calico Rock, AR 72519

Telephone: 870-297-2460

Fax: 870-297-4161

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide teleradiology technology and services to rural residents of Izard County. Radiology images will be sent via a computer with a T-1 line to a radiologist at White River Health System in Batesville, AR. This project would benefit over 13,000 residents of Izard County.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$497,917

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: AR

County: Searcy, Van Buren

Congressman, District: AR-02, 03

Senators:

Recipient: Ozark Health Foundation

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Robin R. Corley

Mailing Address: 2500 Hwy 65 South, Clinton, AR 72031

Telephone: 501-745-7004

Fax: 501-745-4203

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to create a telemedicine/teleradiology network with integrated picture archiving communications system (PACS) and additional communication tools to aid rural physicians and rural residents that will connect and vertically integrate independent health care providers in the area to facilitate the accurate and efficient exchange of information. The system will include the electronic interfacing of a critical access hospital, nursing home, three federally qualified health clinics, five outlying independent primary care clinics, and a specialty clinic with 12 part-time specialists.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$137,255

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: AR

County: Franklin, Logan, Sebastian, Scott

Congressman, District: AR-03, 04

Senators:

Recipient: St. Edward Mercy Foundation

Recipient Contact: Martha E. Pendleton

Mailing Address: 5401 Ellsworth Road, Fort Smith, AR 72903

Telephone: 479-314-1118

Fax: 479-314-1188

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase computed radiology technology needed to connect the network's three rural hospitals. This technology will facilitate the immediate electronic transmission of X-rays from distant locations, providing a more comprehensive and timely medical diagnosis for rural patients.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$173,650

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: AR

County: AR – Clay, Greene, Randolph; MO – Butler, Dunklin, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Stoddard

Congressman, District: AR-01; MO-08

Senators:

Recipient: Piggott Community Hospital

Recipient Contact: Dana L. Stone

Mailing Address: 1206 Gordon Duckworth Drive, Piggott, AR 72454

Telephone: 870-598-3133

Fax: 870-598-3536

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to electronically interconnect, via telecommunications, patients and medical professionals in 36 communities in rural Arkansas and Missouri. The telemedicine project is designed as a proactive disease management program designed to utilize state-of-the-art technology to give patients a great role in their own care, allowing clinicians to monitor more patients while permitting them to provide preventative intervention before situations become acute. The project will improve patient care and optimize operation outcomes, improve efficiencies, reduce costs, and satisfy regulatory requirements.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$118,350

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: AR

County: Cross, St. Francis

Congressman, District: AR-01

Senators:

Recipient: CrossRidge Community Hospital

Recipient Contact: Joy Sheppard

Mailing Address: 310 South Falls Blvd., Wynne, AR 72396

Telephone: 870-208-2117

Fax: 870-238-7432

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to establish an in-home electronic monitoring system for rural home health care patients. The project will install a central monitoring station and 31 monitoring units that will be issued to patients who have been identified as at-risk of repeated hospitalization. The monitoring units will remind patients to take weight, blood pressure, and oxygen saturation readings which will be automatically transmitted to the central station. Ten of the units will utilize a medication reminder component that monitors and reports on medication compliance.

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California

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$60,231

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: CA

County: Glenn, Orange, Tehama

Congressman, District: CA-02, 48

Senators:

Recipient: Tustin Teleradiology Medical Group, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Jillian M. Brooks

Mailing Address: 13422 Newport Avenue, Suite 1, Tustin, CA 92780

Telephone: 530-824-9433

Fax: 530-824-9428

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to upgrade a telemedicine network that will connect their radiology group at the hub site with an existing independent diagnostic X-ray facility. This network will provide diagnostic images and radiological diagnoses for medical providers and their patients living in medically underserved Tehama and Glenn Counties.

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Colorado

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$430,271

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: CO

County: Colorado: Montezuma County; Arizona: Apache County

Congressman, District: CO-03; AZ-01

Senators:

Recipient: Unlimited Learning Center

Recipient Contact: Ann E. Miller

Mailing Address: 640 E. 2nd Street, Cortez, CO 81321

Telephone: 970-565-1602

Fax: 970-565-1605

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to bring improvement to the economic outlook for rural communities through vocational education and training which will be delivered by interactive and streaming distance learning equipment along with computer end-points that allow students to view streamed and web-based content.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$240,997

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: CO

County: Logan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma

Congressman, District: CO-04

Senators:

Recipient: Northeast Colorado Board of Cooperative Educational Services (NE BOCES)

Recipient Contact: Arlene Salyards

Mailing Address: 301 W. Powell, Haxtun, CO 80731

Telephone: 970-774-6152

Fax: 970-774-6157

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to establish a wide area network (WAN) linking eleven member school districts in exceptionally rural communities of Colorado for distance learning. The network will extend the existing WAN connectivity of the Haxtun and Holyoke districts to nine additional districts in the Northeast Colorado BOCES. The new network would provide video distance learning to more than 900 high school students who are currently without access to such services.

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Georgia

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$489,085

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: GA

County: Bacon, Ben-Hill, Bleckley, Brooks, Candler, Calhoun, Chatham, Charlton, Coffee, Colquitt, Clinch, Crisp, Decatur, DeKalb, Early, Franklin, Fulton, Grady, Irwin, Jasper, Jefferson, Jeff Davis, Miller, Mitchell, Monroe, Pulaski, Rabun, Richmond, Quitman, Screven, Stewart, Talbot, Tattnail, Telfair, Tift, Thomas, Towns, Union, Washington, Wayne, Wilkes

Congressman, District: Me-01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 09, 12

Senators:

Recipient: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Georgia

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Paula B. Guy

Mailing Address: 8001 Chatham Center Drive, Suite 100, Lafayette Bldg., Savannah, GA 31405

Telephone: 912-550-9025

Fax: 912-235-2290

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to increase their existing telehealth network by expanding clinical telemedicine sites, services, clinical capabilities and utilization levels to rural residents of Georgia. The planned expansion will operate over a T-1 dedicated network, Second Opinion software for diagnosis and medical records, medical carts, radiology systems, and other specialty care equipment designed to deliver high quality specialty care.

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Hawaii

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$431,999

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: HI

County: Hawaii, Honolulu, Kauai, Maui

Congressman, District: HI-01, 02

Senators:

Recipient: Hui Malama Ola Na 'Oiwi

Recipient Contact: Ms. Kaloa R. Robinson

Mailing Address: 69 Railroad Ave., Suite A-3, Hilo, HI 96720

Telephone: 808-969-9220

Fax: 808-969-4794

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to establish telemedicine connections between 7 locations on the Big Island of Hawaii, 2 Native Hawaiian Health Care Clinics on Kauai and Molokai, and two consulting hub sites on Oahu. The project will expand outreach services to provide health care education and disease prevention with a team of high-skilled outreach workers. Primary care and behavioral health services will also be provided in rural Hawaii outreach centers via live telemedicine connections with health care physicians and staff.

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Idaho

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$143,860

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ID

County: Franklin

Congressman, District: ID-02

Senators:

Recipient: Franklin County Medical Center

Recipient Contact: Trish Checketts

Mailing Address: 44 North 100 East, Preston, ID 83263-1326

Telephone: 208-852-4132

Fax: 208-852-3812

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase equipment that provides computerized radiography to the patients served at this rural hospital in Preston, Idaho. The project will include a Picture Archive and Communication System (PACS). Instead of using a courier, X-rays taken at the rural hospital will be electronically transmitted to Logan Regional Hospital in Utah, where radiologists will determine results and communicate these to the rural hospital by phone or e-mail. Doctors providing emergency as well as non-emergency medical services will be able to get radiology readings in minutes instead of several hours. As a result, rural patients will receive faster and more accurate diagnostic services.

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Illinois

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$237,800

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: IL

County: Macoupin

Congressman, District: IL-17

Senators:

Recipient: Community Memorial Hospital

Recipient Contact: Rodney K. Leggett

Mailing Address: 400 Caldwell, Staunton, IL 62088

Telephone: 618-635-2200

Fax: 618-635-4346

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to increase and enhance an existing telemedicine program. The project will provide the hospital new telemedicine abilities including X-rays, computed tomography (CT or CAT) scans, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), nuclear medicine, ultrasound, and all echo cardiology procedures. These procedures can then be sent electronically through telecommunications technology to radiologists in Springfield, IL for interpretation.

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Kansas

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$297,045

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: KS

County: Barton, Ellsworth, Ellis, Reno, Russell, Saline, Wichita, Wyandotte

Congressman, District: KS-01, 03

Senators:

Recipient: Ellsworth County Medical Center

Recipient Contact: Roger W. Pearson

Mailing Address: 1604 Aylward St., Ellsworth, KS 67439

Telephone: 785-472-5028

Fax: 785-472-5396

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to initiate a telemedicine system that will combine voice and video data with medical applications, and distance learning to enable patients with emergency needs to be examined at local clinics. It will also provide the capability to receive mental health evaluations through expert consultations and increased response to medical records. The system will provide medical services to over 39,000 rural residents of Kansas.

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Kentucky

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$326,893

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: KY

County: Bath, Breathitt, Fayette, Lawrence, Madison, Menifee, Morgan, Perry

Congressman, District: KY-04, 05, 06

Senators:

Recipient: Saint Joseph Hospital Foundation, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Frances R. Rexroat

Mailing Address: One Saint Joseph Drive, Lexington, KY 40504

Telephone: 859-252-4725

Fax: 859-313-4135

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to expand a mobile telemedicine project which is a collaboration between the applicant and the Appalachia Regional Commission. The project will add nine school health clinics to the current service area, add telepsychiatry and sleep disorder diagnostic and monitoring capabilities, connect the mobile health units to the medical director at three emergency room sites, and establish a network of primary care and public health departments to support public health preparedness and enhance the public health response to natural disasters.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$91,078

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: KY

County: Knox, Leslie, Ohio, Russell, Trimble

Congressman, District: KY-01, 02, 04, 05

Senators:

Recipient: University of Kentucky Research Foundation

Recipient Contact: Deborah K. Davis

Mailing Address: 172 Funkhouser Drive, 109 Kinkead Hall, Lexington, KY 40506

Telephone: 859-257-9420

Fax: 859-323-1060

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to equip five rural county Cooperative Extension Service offices and the UK Wood Utilization Center with a distance learning system and on-demand educational network that incorporates multiple new technologies and learning methods. The system will incorporate 2-way interactive distance learning videoconferencing, multicast streaming video, web collaborative software, distance learning archives, and on-demand educational opportunities.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$484,851

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: KY

County: Floyd, Harlan, Letcher, Morgan

Congressman, District: KY-05

Senators:

Recipient: Appalachian Regional Healthcare, Inc., dba Whitesburg ARH Hospital

Recipient Contact: Polly M. Bentley

Mailing Address: 240 Hospital Road, Whitesburg, KY 41858

Telephone: 859-226-2530

Fax: 856-226-2542

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to implement a PACS system which will allow the hospitals involved in the project to provide more timely and efficient radiology services. The PACS system will enable ARH to store multiple images electronically, create an efficient patient processing system, and allow physicians in different locations to exchange real-time medical information. Area radiologists will be able to make quick and comprehensive diagnoses and enhance the quality of patient care in central Appalachia.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$105,082

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: KY

County: Kentucky: Knox, Laurel, Whitley; Tennessee: Campbell

Congressman, District: KY-05; TN-04

Senators:

Recipient: Professional Home Health Care Agency, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Kimberly L. Sowders

Mailing Address: 4934 South Laurel Road, London, KY 40744

Telephone: 606-877-1135

Fax: 606-877-3240

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase equipment and software to establish an in-home patient monitoring program. The home monitoring equipment will capture the patient's data and transmit the data to a central monitoring station for review by clinical staff, and, if necessary, review by a physician. Main objectives of the in-home monitoring program are to reduce hospital stays and emergency room visits by proactively preventing and treating events that ultimately cause re-hospitalizations and ER visits.

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Louisiana

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: LA

County: LA- Ascension, E. Baton Rouge, LaFourche, Rapides; AL-Bibb, Clarke, Fayette, Lowndes, Madison, Marshall, Mobile, Pickens; GA-Chattooga, Dade, Fannin, Franklin, Gilmer, Habersham, Hart, , Franklin, Morgan, Peach, Rabun, Schley, Towns, Union; FL-Citrus; OK-Caddo, Lincoln, Murray, Seminole; TN-Bledsoe, Claiborne, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Fentress, Overton, Putnam, Roane, Scott, Smith, Unicoi; MS-Covington

Congressman, District: LA-03, 05, 06; AL-01, 02, 04, 05, 07; FL-05; GA-03, 09, 10; PL-03, 04, 05; TN-01, 03, 04, 06, 07

Senators:

Recipient: Amedisys, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Martha S. Williams

Mailing Address: 11100 Mead Road, Suite 300, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Telephone: 225-248-6239

Fax: 225-248-6236

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to implement the Rural Telehealth Point of Care Delivery project that focuses on minimizing barriers to high quality health care for rural elderly patients throughout the south. The home health care project will benefit over 400,000 residents in 42 rural cities and towns.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$122,015

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: LA

Parish: Bossier, DeSoto, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Jackson, Point
Coupee, Richland, St. John

Congressman, District: LA-03, 04, 05, 06

Senators:

Recipient: Louisiana Resource Center for Educators

Recipient Contact: Nancy S. Roberts

Mailing Address: 7305 Florida Blvd., Suite D, Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Telephone: 225-924-7600

Fax: 225-924-3098

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase distance learning equipment and content for eight high schools in rural Louisiana. This project will provide advanced placement courses offered by LSU in Baton Rouge and virtual field trips offered throughout the United States. Educators will be able to participate in alternative certification programs and professional development workshops and qualified community members and college students trying to obtain a teaching career can receive assistance in passing Praxis exams.

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Maine

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$127,900

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ME

County: Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Oxford

Congressman, District: ME-01, 02

Senators:

Recipient: Central Maine Medical Center

Recipient Contact: Sharon L. Kuhrt

Mailing Address: 300 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240

Telephone: 207-795-2841

Fax: 207-753-7127

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to expand its current distance learning program through equipment purchases for two more communities, adding sites in South Paris, at the Western Maine University and Community College Center and in Bridgeton, at Bridgton Hospital. The project already serves two rural communities in Maine, and the expansion will double the number of students served by distance learning to a total of 24 (64 are served at the central location). Using a classic hub-and-spoke model, educational content will be disseminated by the School of Nursing from its classrooms in Lewiston via compressed video at 256 kilobits/second.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$350,881

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: ME

County: Aroostook, Knox, Penobscot, Washington

Congressman, District: Me-01, 02

Senators:

Recipient: Millinocket School Department

Recipient Contact: Sara C. Alberts

Mailing Address: 45 North Street, Suite 2, East Millinocket, ME 04430

Telephone: 207-746-3500

Fax: 207-746-3516

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to install interactive videoconferencing which will provide distance learning connectivity to 15 sites located in 4 counties as well as provide telemedicine opportunities to residents in the Millinocket and East Millinocket communities.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$259,857

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ME

County: Aroostook, Hancock, Kennebec, Norfolk, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset

Congressman, District: ME-02; MA-04

Senators:

Recipient: Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Jean Mellett

Mailing Address: 43 Whiting Hill Road, Brewer, ME 04412

Telephone: 207-973-7443

Fax: 207-973-7849

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide both distance learning and telemedicine to six counties in Maine. Services will include endocrinology services, tele-rehabilitation, tele-trauma, tele-dialysis, tele-genetics, and tele-psychology. Eastern Maine Medical Center and Acadia Hospital will install new equipment for improved educational programs.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$249,965

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ME

County: Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Penobscot, Washington

Congressman, District: ME-01, 02

Senators:

Recipient: Cobscook Community Learning Center

Recipient Contact: Kevin Thompson

Mailing Address: 10 Commissary Point Road, Lubec, ME 04652

Telephone: 207-733-2233

Fax: 207-733-2262

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to bridge project sites and cultures with distance learning technologies which will include web-based education, streaming/archiving/ interactive distance learning via videoconferencing, and the upgrade of network infrastructure where necessary to support the project.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$60,000

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ME

County: Knox, Lincoln, Waldo

Congressman, District: Me-01, 02

Senators:

Recipient: Kno-Wal-Lin Home Care and Hospice, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Donna DeBlois

Mailing Address: 170 Pleasant St., Rockland, ME 04841

Telephone: 207-594-9561

Fax: 207-594-1461

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to expand a home telehealth system which will utilize tele-video units which will assist rural patients with wound care, speech therapy and hospice. In-home monitors will also be utilized to track patient's vital signs and provide other important medical information and prompts to the patient. Additional objectives are improved patient safety, improved clinical outcomes, improved utilization of resources and nursing efficiency, and increased revenues.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$461,369

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ME

County: Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Oxford, Sagadahoc, Somerset, York

Congressman, District: Me-01, 02

Senators:

Recipient: Regional Medical Center at Lubec, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Carol M. Carew

Mailing Address: 43 South Lubec Road, Lubec, ME 04652

Telephone: 207-733-1090

Fax: 207-733-2847

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to expand a telehealth project in Rural Maine with 14 partner agencies to provide high quality, comprehensive health services to patients and residents of rural Maine. Services provided by the project will include telepharmacy, home care patient video stations, clinical education for professional and paraprofessional staff, case management for the Department of Corrections and Grand Rounds to health care professionals from the organizations or locations of choice.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ME

County: Aroostook, Hancock, Kennebec, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset

Congressman, District: ME-02

Senators:

Recipient: Eastern Maine Medical Center

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Deborah Sanford

Mailing Address: 489 State Street, Bangor, ME 04401

Telephone: 207-973-7903

Fax: 207-973-8267

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to establish an electronic Intensive Care Unit and INET/IVIEW System in five of EMHS affiliate hospitals in rural northern and eastern Maine. The system will allow Intensivists in Bangor to provide specialty care to the rural hospitals 24 hours a day. The technology will allow Intensivists to view patients as well as access patient monitoring equipment and to participate in real time care of patients.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$434,409

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ME

County: Aroostook, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Washington

Congressman, District: ME-02

Senators:

Recipient: Community Health and Counseling Services

Recipient Contact: Helen Burlock

Mailing Address: 42 Cedar Street, Bangor, ME 04401

Telephone: 207-947-0366

Fax: 207-990-5826

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used for a telehealth project that will provide monitoring and/or video encounters to homebound clients in rural Maine. Benefits will include reduced travel time, reduced emergency room visits, increased access to speech language services, and improved overall quality of life among participants. The services will be provided to 36 towns in Aroostook, Washington, Piscataquis and Northern Penobscot Counties.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$454,079

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ME

County: Anderson, Franklin, Penobscot, Somerset

Congressman, District: ME-02

Senators:

Recipient: Jay School District

Recipient Contact: Frank Williams

Mailing Address: 5 Tiger Drive, Jay, ME 04239

Telephone: 207-897-4336

Fax: 207-897-9319

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide an information highway to share knowledge, expertise, and resources among twelve schools in four rural and economically distressed counties of Maine. All sites will utilize computer-based videoconferencing for collaborations between individuals and groups. Collaboration between students and staff will be available on demand. Over 48,000 residents will receive enhanced educational opportunities in these communities.

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Michigan



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$412,722

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Michigan

County: Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland, Montcalm, Ogemaw, Roscommon, Saginaw

Congressman, District: MI-04

Senators:

Recipient: MidMichigan Visiting Nurse Association

Recipient Contact: Christine M. Chesny

Mailing Address: 3007 N. Saginaw, Midland, MI 48640

Telephone: 989-633-1401

Fax: 989-633-1401

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to enhance health delivery through mobile telemedicine using telemonitors, computers, and PDA's to transmit medical information on patient's health status to a central monitoring station for review by clinical staff and referral to physicians if necessary. The project will serve rural residents in 11 counties covering 4,705 square miles.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$106,211

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MI

County: Alpena, Benzie, Cadillac, Charlevoix, Crawford, Cheboygan, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Manistee, Otsego

Congressman, District: MI-01, 02, 04

Senators:

Recipient: REMEC TeleHealth Network

Recipient Contact: Ms. Randi Oehlers

Mailing Address: 1105 6th Street, Traverse City, MI 49684

Telephone: 231-935-7937

Fax: 231-935-7937

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to implement IP based videoconferencing in northern Michigan. The system will offer educational opportunities including college level classes, patient care, disaster preparedness, and other opportunities to rural residents of Michigan.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$159,691

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MI

County: Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana

Congressman, District: MI-02

Senators:

Recipient: Hackley Visiting Nurse Services, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Nancy T. McCarthy

Mailing Address: 888 Terrace Street, Muskegon, MI 49440

Telephone: 231-726-5025

Fax: 231-728-4958

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to establish a telemedicine system that will relay health information from patient's homes to the hub/end-user sites in Muskegon. The project is designed to improve access to care and to improve medical monitoring of patients by using state-of-the-art disease management protocols. The project goal is to reduce diabetic complications, reduce the rate of re-hospitalization in CHF patients and improve the healing rates of wound patients. The overall goal of the project is to improve the quality of life of county residents and reduce morbidity and mortality rates.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$218,800

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: MI

County: Allegan, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Van Buren

Congressman, District: MI-06

Senators:

Recipient: Borgess Health Alliance

Recipient Contact: Paul Noseworthy

Mailing Address: 1521 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Telephone: 269-226-4878

Fax: 517-226-5966

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to build upon the existing Virtual Intensive Care Unit service operating between Borgess Medical Center and five rural hospitals by expanding the current Regional Virtual Intensive Care Unit network and adding three additional hospitals located in rural southwest Michigan. The RVICU system will provide virtual ICU services, real-time consults and diagnostic exams as well as specialty care services through the use of videoconferencing, digital diagnostic imaging, and remote monitoring between the hub and end-user sites.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MI

County: Alger, Baraga, Chippewa, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Luce, Marquette

Congressman, District: MI-01

Senators:

Recipient: Upper Peninsula Health Care Network, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Gerald A. Messana

Mailing Address: 228 W. Washington Street, Marquette, MI 49855

Telephone: 906-225-3146

Fax: 906-225-7868

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to create a digital imaging network for image management and effective patient processing. This project will use digital imaging technology for analog imaging studies, in partnership with the member hospitals in the Upper Peninsula Health Care Network, that currently do not possess this technology. Radiologists will have rapid access to images and records and patients will benefit as a result of efficient and rapid processing.

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Minnesota



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$210,675

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MN

County: Crow Wing, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Nobles, Stearns, Todd, Wadena

Congressman, District: MN-01, 06, 07, 08

Senators:

Recipient: Mid-State Education District 6979

Recipient Contact: Charles R. Diebel

Mailing Address: 14713 Clover Glen Lane, Little Falls, MN 56345

Telephone: 320-360-3696

Fax: 320-632-3981

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to enable MSET to expand distance learning and other educational services to all learners via live, two-way interactive programming in existing ITV classrooms. Students will be able to access streamed content at computer stations and participate via email or phone. Technology upgrades will enable archiving for future use.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$232,302

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MN

County: Beltrami, Clearwater, Koochiching, Marshall, Polk

Congressman, District: MN-07, 08

Senators:

Recipient: The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, dba The Clearbrook Good Samaritan Center

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Angel A. Normandin

Mailing Address: 305 3rd Ave., SW, Clearbrook, MN 56634

Telephone: 218-776-3157

Fax: 218-776-3836

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide healthcare services to seniors and others in their own homes in an efficient and cost effective manner. The project will offer telehealth services to rural residents in eleven counties of northern Minnesota and will install state-of-the-art healthcare video and monitoring units. These devices will allow for the monitoring of blood pressure, blood glucose, weight, pulse, and oxygen levels. The system equipment will also allow for video monitoring of the clients overall health.

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Mississippi



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$192,500

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MS

County: Claiborne, Copiah, Issaquena, Lamar, Sharkey, Simpson, Smith, Warren, Yazoo

Congressman, District: MS-02, 03, 04

Senators:

Recipient: West Mississippi Home health Services, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Dean B. Noblin

Mailing Address: 3530 Manor Drive, Suite 1, Vicksburg, MS 39180

Telephone: 601-582-6019

Fax: 601-582-5241

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to improve the health of home care patients in eight rural counties of west Mississippi. The project will place 40 telemonitors with videophone capabilities in the homes of targeted patients. Vital signs will be communicated daily to the nursing staff of WMHHS for evaluation and follow-up. This will enable quick intervention with physicians to avoid costly hospital stays. The videophone technology will be utilized to reassure patients and provide one-on-one health care.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$177,339

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MS

County: Calhoun, Claiborne, Choctaw, Hinds, Holmes, Humphreys, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Montgomery, Monroe, Noxubee, Perry, Quitman, Scott, Sunflower, Walthall, Yazoo

Congressman, District: MS-01, 02, 03, 04

Senators:

Recipient: University of Mississippi Medical Center

Recipient Contact: Brian L. Rutledge

Mailing Address: 2500 N. State St., Dept. of Emergency Medicine, Jackson, MS 39216

Telephone: 601-815-1787

Fax: 601-815-3487

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to upgrade the existing TelEmergency system and expand the services to ten additional hospitals. The TelEmergency system connects nurse practitioners via a T-1 network to the emergency physician in the emergency room department of urban medical centers through a videoconferencing system.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$406,868

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MS
County: Quitman, Marshall
Congressman, District: MS-01, 02
Senators:

Recipient: Holly Springs School District

Recipient Contact: Jones Mays

Mailing Address: 840 Highway 178 East, Holly Springs, MS 38635

Telephone: 662-252-2183

Fax: 662-252-2183

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to create a distance learning partnership between Holly Springs Schools, Quitman County Schools, Rust College, and the Marshall County Health Department. The project will utilize IP-based interactive videoconferencing to provide course content, expanded professional development, and critical healthcare education to students and residents of rural Mississippi.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$383,704

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MS
County: Mississippi: Clarke, Newton, Scott; Alabama: Choctaw and Sumter
Congressman, District: MS-03; AL-07
Senators:

Recipient: Rush Health Systems, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Laura A. Davis

Mailing Address: 1314 19th Avenue, Meridian, MS 39301

Telephone: 601-703-3220

Fax: 601-703-4046

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to extend a telemedicine network which will enable access to diabetic care in eleven rural clinics, eight clinics in east central Mississippi and three in southwest Alabama. The existing Diabetes Education Center will serve as hub/end-user to provide integrated diabetes self-management education aimed at preventing, controlling, and reducing the complications caused by diabetes.

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Missouri



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$51,226

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MO
County: Benton, Camden, Henry, Hickory, Morgan, Pettis
Congressman, District: MO-04
Senators:

Recipient: Benton County Health Department

Recipient Contact: Gloria J. Smith

Mailing Address: 1220 Commercial Street, Warsaw, MO 65355-3157

Telephone: 660-438-2876

Fax: 660-438-5746

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to establish a home monitoring program to benefit rural citizens in 15 towns and cities in 6 counties in rural Missouri. This area has a high percentage of senior citizens and many live as far as 30 minutes from the nearest rural clinic and even further from the nearest rural hospital. This telehealth monitoring program will allow early intervention with system management to successfully prevent emergency medical care. The program aims to serve 250 patients with telehealth monitors in the first year.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$52,969

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MO
County: Daviess, Harrison
Congressman, District: MO-04
Senators:

Recipient: Northwest Distance Learning Consortium

Recipient Contact: Mr. Terry L. Daniel
Mailing Address: 3400 Bulldog Avenue, Bethany, MO 64424
Telephone: 660-438-2876
Fax: 660-438-5746

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to update existing distance learning technology in the Northwest Distance Learning Consortium. The project will place videoconferencing equipment at each of the sites and utilize existing equipment in the classrooms. The equipment, along with existing IP addresses, will allow each site to be able to send/receive broadcasts from anywhere that has an IP address. NDLC will provide remote courses for students and residents of the communities and schools will be able to share teachers providing more course selection and learning opportunities to students and residents.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$85,718

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MO
County: Adair, Putnam, Sullivan
Congressman, District: MO-06, 09
Senators:

Recipient: Education Plus Network

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Mary F. Comstock
Mailing Address: 803 South 20th Street, Unionville, MO 63565
Telephone: 660-947-3361
Fax: 660-947-2912

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to implement video/archiving and purchase updated distance learning classroom equipment to allow four schools to expand education services students and residents. The project will allow students to complete necessary coursework to prepare for post-secondary education and the opportunity to participate in expanded course content as their urban counterparts. Over 2,000 student and 13,000 residents of rural Missouri will benefit from the project.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$207,496

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MO

County: Clark, Marion, Schuyler, Shelby, Scotland

Congressman, District: MO-06, 09

Senators:

Recipient: NEMO Net, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Larry J. Smoot

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 100, Philadelphia, MO 63463

Telephone: 573-633-2410

Fax: 573-633-2138

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to extend interactive distance learning opportunities to six rural end-user sites and one hub/end-user site serving over 2,500 students in rural Missouri. The project will utilize interactive distance learning studio equipment to also provide professional development content for faculty and staff.

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Montana



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$382,914

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MT
County: Blaine, Cascade, Chouteau, Glacier, Hill, Liberty, Meagher, Phillips, Pondera, Teton, Toole
Congressman, District: MT-At Large
Senators:

Recipient: Benefis Healthcare Foundation

Recipient Contact: Jack W. King
Mailing Address: 2800 11th Avenue South, Suite 23, Great Falls, MT 59405
Telephone: 406-455-4285
Fax: 406-455-4141
Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to bring computerized radiography technology to 8 remote hospitals and clinics. The project will also provide interactive video technology for the delivery of clinical telehealth services to 12 hospitals in the region. The project will expand the current capabilities of the REACH Network and remote sites to include the delivery of advanced medical specialties of oncology, radiology, wound care, cardiology, and orthopedics via telehealth technology.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$265,752

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: MT
County: Granite, Lake, Mineral
Congressman, District: MT – At Large
Senators:

Recipient: Missoula Community Health Services, Inc., dba Mineral Community Hospital

Recipient Contact: James P. Henshaw

Mailing Address: 1208 6th Avenue East, Superior, MT 59872

Telephone: 406-822-4841

Fax: 406-822-4963

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to install computed radiography equipment at all end-user sites to enable production of digital radiographic images which can be transmitted in real time over PACS to trained radiologists for interpretation. The project will also expand the storage capability of the existing PACS system and establish connectivity for transmission of medical images and data on the expanded PACS server.

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Nebraska



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$194,000

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NE
County: Antelope, Boyd, Knox, Madison, and Pierce
Congressman, District: NE-01, 03
Senators:

Recipient: Faith Regional Health Services, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Sally M. McKenzie

Mailing Address: 2700 Norfolk Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701

Telephone: 402-644-7349

Fax: 402-644-7362

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to expand the Faith Regional Health Services telehealth system by providing a bedside cardiac monitoring system for 24-hour acute inpatient cardiac status observation, a Holter monitoring and scanning service, and an event monitor and receiving center which will connect five critical access hospitals.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$118,079

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NE

County: Nemaha, Richardson

Congressman, District: Ne-01

Senators:

Recipient: The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society, dba Nemaha County Good Samaritan Center

Recipient Contact: Jeff B. Harvey

Mailing Address: 1322 U Street, Auburn, NE 68305

Telephone: 402-274-4954

Fax: 402-274-4424

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to expand home health care to residents of rural Nebraska. The home telemonitoring units will primarily utilize existing standard telephone service to transmit patient data to a secure collection point. Units in the home will allow clients to receive medication prompts and will prompt the client to respond to programmed clinical assessment questions related to their specific condition.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$123,866

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NE

County: Brown, Buffalo, Chase, Custer, Dawson, Dundy, Franklin, Furnas, Holt, Kearney, Phelps, Rock, Red Willow

Congressman, District: NE-03

Senators:

Recipient: Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation

Recipient Contact: Lesley A. Bollwitt

Mailing Address: 4503 Second Ave., Suite 209, Kearney, NE 68845

Telephone: 308-865-2703

Fax: 308-865-2933

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide telemedicine services in central Nebraska. Telecommunications equipment for the project will provide additional clinical services to sixteen rural end-user sites. Services to be provided will include Teletrauma and emergency mental health care, multi-lingual medical interpretation and additional health care provider education.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$384,803

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NE

County: Blaine, Boone, Buffalo, Custer, Dawson, Franklin, Garfield, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Harlan, Howard, Kearney, Loup, Merrick, Nance, Phelps, Polk, Sherman, Valley

Congressman, District: NE-03

Senators:

Recipient: Educational Service Unit 10

Recipient Contact: John E. Stritt

Mailing Address: 76 Plaza Blvd., Kearney, NE 68848

Telephone: 308-865-5664

Fax: 308-233-9066

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to implement the Central Nebraska Distance Learning Coalition (CNDLC). A major component will be the acquisition of CODEC units and routers as well as additional audio/video equipment. The project will significantly enhance the telecommunications infrastructure available throughout the target area to provide rural students with enhanced quality academic programming. Specifically, the project will offer supportive distance learning equipment, professional development opportunities, improved telehealth curriculum and coordination of synchronous programming within the district.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$484,684

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NE

County: Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer, York

Congressman, District: NE-01

Senators:

Recipient: Educational Service Unit No. 5

Recipient Contact: Al L. Schneider

Mailing Address: 900 W. Court Street, Beatrice, NE 68310

Telephone: 402-223-5277

Fax: 402-223-5279

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to assist local schools in acquiring cutting-edge teleconferencing technology. Mobile carts will be utilized in the classrooms along with local area networks that will provide a plug-and-play environment for distance learning. Videoconferencing sites will increase an existing distance learning system from four to eight sites and archiving capability will create libraries for digital review and learning.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$481,681

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NE

County: Chase, Custer, Dundy, Frontier, Furnace, Grant, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Keith, Lincoln, Logan, Perkins, Red Willow, Thomas

Congressman, District: NE-03

Senators:

Recipient: Educational Service Unit # 16

Recipient Contact: Shirley J. Schall

Mailing Address: 314 W. 1st Street, Ogallala, NE 69153

Telephone: 308-334-5160

Fax: 308-334-5581

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to extend distance learning opportunities and provide expanded course offerings in the schools and communities of rural Nebraska. The project will utilize interactive distance learning studio equipment to also provide professional development content for faculty and staff.

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New Hampshire

PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$61,977

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NH

County: Coos, Grafton

Congressman, District: NH-02

Senators:

Recipient: Trustees of Dartmouth College

Recipient Contact: Dr. Louis A. Kazal

Mailing Address: Office of Sponsored Projects, 11 Rope Ferry Road, # 6210, Hanover, NH 03755

Telephone: 603-653-1813

Fax: 603-650-4090

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to implement an obstetrical telemedicine project in collaboration with Weeks Medical Center in Lancaster, NH. The project will provide access to high quality obstetrical care by using a telemedical approach to improve health care services in the area.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$359,563

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NH

County: Caledonia, Carroll, Essex, Orleans, Rockingham, Strafford

Congressman, District: NH-01, VT-01

Senators:

Recipient: Exeter Region Cooperative School District

Recipient Contact: Dr. Steve Kossakoski
Mailing Address: 24 Front Street, Exeter, NH 03833
Telephone: 603-775-8679
Fax: 603-775-8673
Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to extend the original Exeter Bi-State Distance Learning Project with 10 new rural end-user sites in Vermont. Exeter School District will provide the Vermont schools with expanded content and will mentor the technical staff at the Lake Union High School in Vermont as they begin to transition to the role of hub site for their own schools. Over 4,000 students and 300 teachers will benefit from the project.

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New Mexico



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$130,505

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NM

County: Colfax, Guadalupe, Harding, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Taos

Congressman, District: NM-03

Senators:

Recipient: Health Centers of Northern New Mexico

Recipient Contact: Juliana Anastasoff

Mailing Address: 111 N. Railroad Avenue, Espanola, NM 87532

Telephone: 505-747-5922

Fax: 505-753-8717

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to reduce the marked health disparities in the region by increasing access to necessary preventive and specialist healthcare and to improve healthcare outcomes through clinical innovation, particularly for residents who suffer a disproportionate rate of preventable and chronic conditions due to the intersections of poverty, race and rurality. The project will allow access to prevention and disease management education, access to specialist consultation, population-based clinical management, and development of distance learning communities designed to expand primary care provider capacity and expertise.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$154,939

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NM

County: Cantron, Dona Ana, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra

Congressman, District: NM

Senators:

Recipient: Southwest Regional Education Center

Recipient Contact: Dr. Bruce Hegwer

Mailing Address: 405 N. Date Street, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901

Telephone: 505-894-7589

Fax: 505-894-7584

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to extend distance learning opportunities and provide expanded course offerings in the schools and communities of rural New Mexico. The project will utilize interactive distance learning studio equipment to also provide professional development content for faculty and staff.

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New York



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$497,411

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NY

County: Allegany, Cattaraugus

Congressman, District: NY-29

Senators:

Recipient: Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Board of Cooperative

Educational Services (BOCES)

Recipient Contact: Gail M. Hirst
Mailing Address: 1825 Windfall Road, Olean, NY 14760
Telephone: 716-372-8247
Fax: 716-372-2613
Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to expand and enrich the districts' existing distance learning labs, assist challenged students, develop literacy in multimedia texts and programs, create new distance learning content, and engage all K-12 students in distance learning activities along with their regular classroom instruction.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NY

County: Delaware, Herkimer, Otsego

Congressman, District: NY-20, 24

Senators:

Recipient: The Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital

Recipient Contact: Kenneth R. Deans, Jr.

Mailing Address: 1 Atwell Road, Cooperstown, NY 13326
Telephone: 607-547-3094
Fax: 607-547-3953
Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to implement digital mammography in four locations in rural central New York to improve quality and access to digital mammography exam diagnosis via telemedicine. This migration from analog radiological study data to digital images will permit computer-aided detection of multiple types of cancers.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$265,148

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NY

County: Genesee, Livingston

Congressman, District: NY-26

Senators:

Recipient: Genesee Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services

Recipient Contact: Sharon Kaiser

Mailing Address: 80 Munson Street, LeRoy, NY 14482

Telephone: 585-344-7920

Fax: 585-344-7924

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to expand distance learning by providing students with advance coursework in science, math, languages, and advanced placement courses. The project will also provide the capability for virtual field trips and mentoring opportunities with professionals in the community. The project will also partner with the Business and Educational Alliance (BEA) to expose students to engineering careers and to provide vocational training to adult students of the community.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$338,971

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NY

County: Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie

Congressman, District: NY-20, 21, 24

Senators:

Recipient: Otsego Northern Catskills Board of Cooperative Educational Services

Recipient Contact: Dr. Marie T. Wiles

Mailing Address: 159 West Main Street, Stamford, NY 12167

Telephone: 607-652-1209

Fax: 607-652-1215

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to build a new distance learning network that will provide academic and college level classes to students in the school district. The network will have the ability to archive and stream content, conduct multi-point conferences, provide access to web-based and online content, and manage and control the system from a central location. The project will benefit over 18,000 students, teachers, and residents of the community.

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North Carolina



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$84,066

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NC

County: Beaufort

Congressman, District: NC-01, 03

Senators:

Recipient: Beaufort County Schools

Recipient Contact: Mark E. Mehlich

Mailing Address: 321 Smaw Road, Washington, NC 27889

Telephone: 252-946-4086
Fax: 252-946-4793
Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to add additional distance learning classrooms in the county's high schools and at Beaufort Community College and also upgrade the equipment at an existing site to support College Academy programming.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$61,494

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NC

County: Beaufort, Pitt, Wayne

Congressman, District: NC-01, 03

Senators:

Recipient: Mount Olive College

Recipient Contact: Dr. Carol G. Carrere

Mailing Address: 634 Henderson Street, Mount Olive, NC 28365

Telephone: 919-658-7771

Fax: 919-658-7633

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used for distance learning classroom technology and acquisition of instructional programming

to serve rural medical professionals and the rural residents of North Carolina through live broadcasts of National Telehealth Virtual Grand Rounds and related distance learning telehealth educational services.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$50,370

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: NC

County: Craven

Congressman, District: NC-01, 03

Senators:

Recipient: Craven County Health Department

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Michelle D. Dismuke

Mailing Address: 2818 Neuse Blvd., New Bern, NC 28561

Telephone: 252-636-4930

Fax: 252-636-5301

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to initiate a Telehealth-Telemonitoring program in rural North Carolina. The agency will utilize HomMed technology that will initially monitor each participating patient's vital signs, weight, and oxygen level on a daily basis. The system will be expanded in the future to allow

diabetic patients to download blood sugar readings to a central station.

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North Dakota



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$119,006

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: ND

County: Burke, Divide, McKenzie, Mountrail, Williams

Congressman, District: ND-01

Senators:

Recipient: The Great Northwest Education Cooperative – Alexander Public School District

Recipient Contact: Murray Kline

Mailing Address: 1 School Street, Alexander, ND 58331

Telephone: 701-828-3335

Fax: 701-828-3134

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to install an additional distance learning teaching lab in ten participating school districts

which will effectively double the send/receive capabilities of the system. Over 6,500 students, 621 teachers, as well as community members will have enhanced educational opportunities provided by the upgraded system.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$343,611

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: ND

County: ND-Cass; SD-Grant, Gregory; WI-Barron, Chippewa, Grant, Taylor, Trempealeau; MN-Aitkin, Brown, Hubbard, Kanabec, LeSueur, Mille Lacs, Pipestone, Roseau, Sherburne, Wabasha, Yellow Medicine

Congressman, District: ND-01; SD-01, MN-01, 02, 07, 08; WI-03, 07

Senators:

Recipient: Precision Diagnostic Services, Inc.

Recipient Contact: David C. Weiler

Mailing Address: 4152 30th Avenue S., Suite 103, Fargo, ND 58104

Telephone: 701-234-9667

Fax: 701-271-9260

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to enhance the PDS Sleep Medicine telemedicine services to eighteen hospitals in Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Telemedicine services will include

real-time patient consultations by examining physicians and nurses or therapists in conjunction with sleep specialists. Over 54,000 residents of these rural areas will benefit with enhanced care and reduced travel time.

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Ohio



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$247,511

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: OH

County: Gallia, Jackson, Oak Hill, Meigs, Vinton

Congressman, District: OH-06, 18

Senators:

Recipient: Family Home Health Plus, Inc., dba Ohio Valley Home Health, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Michael S. Vallee

Mailing Address: 1480 Jackson Pike, Gallipolis, OH 45631

Telephone: 740-441-1393

Fax: 740-441-1398

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to implement an in-home patient monitoring system which will allow OVHH to continually monitor patients with chronic diseases within the comfort of the patients' homes. Monitors will collect patient vital signs at

predetermined intervals and automatically transmit the data to a central station for review. The system is intended to initially serve over 200 home bound patients.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$277,722

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: OH

County: Lorain

Congressman, District: OH-09, 13

Senators:

Recipient: Lorain County Community College

Recipient Contact: Andy T. Dovci

Mailing Address: 1005 N. Abbe Road, Elyria, OH 44035

Telephone: 440-366-4024

Fax: 440-366-4195

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to develop a distance learning service project which will deliver general education and core curriculum course content by utilizing Interactive Video Distance Learning (IVDL) and web-based distance learning instruction.

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Oklahoma



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$230,546

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: OK

County: Ellis, Leflore, Pawnee, Pontotoc, Tillman

Congressman, District: OK-02, 03, 04

Senators:

Recipient: Fargo Public Schools

Recipient Contact: Mike Woods

Mailing Address: 513 S. Main Street, Fargo, OK 73840

Telephone: 580-698-2298

Fax: 580-698-8019

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide interactive distance learning to five rural end-user sites and two sites that will serve as hub/end-users. The distance learning will provide expanded course offerings, and higher education opportunities in the schools and communities as well as address the need for professional development.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$242,167

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: OK

County: Bryan, Choctaw, Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, McIntosh, Pittsburg

Congressman, District: OK-02

Senators:

Recipient: Kiamichi Technology Centers

Recipient Contact: Greg Winters

Mailing Address: 1004 Hwy 2 North, Wilburton, OK 74578

Telephone: 918-465-2324

Fax: 918-465-3666

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to extend opportunities for interactive distance learning in sixteen sites serving over 16,000 students. The project will offer expanded course offerings and provide higher education opportunities in the school and community. Opportunities for the professional development of faculty, staff, and adults will also be included.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$499,000

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: Oklahoma

County: Atoka, Bryan, Choctaw, Coal, Hughes, Johnston, Kingfisher

Congressman, District: OK-02, 03

Senators:

Recipient: Wapanucka Public School

Recipient Contact: Stanley Williams

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 182, Hwy. 48 South, Wapanucka, OK 73461

Telephone: 580-937-4288

Fax: 580-937-4804

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide upgraded distance learning which will include videoconferencing , computer labs, upgraded library facilities, information access, ITV access for teachers, and distance learning labs for community members. The project will serve over 4,200 elementary, middle, high school, and adult students in a seven county area.

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Oregon



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$188,740

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: OR

County: Lane

Congressman, District: OR-04

Senators:

Recipient: Sacred Heart Medical Center Foundation

Recipient Contact: Virginia L. Nafus

Mailing Address: 1255 Hilyard Street, Eugene, OR 97401

Telephone: 541-345-5082

Fax: 541-335-2345

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to connect the hub facility at Sacred Heart Medical Center with its Learning & Development and Interpreter Services programs, with rural hospitals located in Cottage Grove and Florence, Oregon. The project will provide clinical staff and patient access to these programs in four rural communities. A dedicated staff will use distance learning technologies to broadcast training to employees at rural facilities, creating the opportunity for rural healthcare workers to obtain the same level of training and development as those at the regional medical center.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$220,399

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: OR

County: Josephine, Klamath

Congressman, District: OR-02, 04

Senators:

Recipient: Southern Oregon Education Service Center

Recipient Contact: Mr. Jay Matheson

Mailing Address: 101 N. Grape Street, Medford, OR 97501

Telephone: 541-776-8565

Fax: 541-858-6749

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to implement an interactive videoconferencing network for three of the most rural school districts in Oregon which include 4,642 students and 292 teachers in seventeen K-12 schools. The project will utilize full featured mobile IP video conferencing equipment to deliver a variety of distance learning experiences to students, depending upon grade level.

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Pennsylvania



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$197,927

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: PA

County: Cameron, Elk, McKean

Congressman, District: PA-05

Senators:

Recipient: Elk Regional Health System

Recipient Contact: Gwen Auman

Mailing Address: 763 Johnsonburg Road, St. Marys, PA 15857

Telephone: 814-788-8585

Fax: 814-788-8093

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to expand the ERHS telemedicine system to psychiatric, diabetic, and wound care as well as personal care facilities. Telemedicine equipment will be utilized by the staff psychiatrist to monitor patients located in nursing homes, personal care facilities, and the System's in-patient geriatric psychiatric unit. The physicians will monitor patient's daily condition and the Diabetic Counselor will utilize the monitoring equipment to monitor diabetic patients.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$155,213

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: PA

County: Pike, Wayne

Congressman, District: PA-10

Senators:

Recipient: Wayne Memorial Hospital

Recipient Contact: John R. Dennis

Mailing Address: 601 Park Street, Honesdale, PA 18431

Telephone: 570-251-6533

Fax: 570-253-8993

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to enhance a home health care system and implement bar-coding of patients and pharmaceuticals, enable automated dispensing of medications, and provide bedside telemonitoring of patients.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$109,940

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: PA

County: Warren

Congressman, District: PA-03, 05

Senators:

Recipient: Warren County School District

Recipient Contact: Matthew J. Jones

Mailing Address: 185 Hospital Drive, Corwen Bldg., North Warren, PA 16365

Telephone: 814-723-6900

Fax: 814-723-5359

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to install three distance learning classrooms in the rural high schools. Additionally, one high school and one middle school will receive mobile distance learning labs. These distance learning classrooms will provide Warren County students with challenging coursework as well as provide greater access for professional development activities for district faculty and staff.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: PA

County: Juniata, Mifflin, Snyder

Congressman, District: PA-05, 09, 10

Senators:

Recipient: Lewistown Hospital

Recipient Contact: Ron Cowan

Mailing Address: 400 Highland Avenue, Lewistown, PA 17044

Telephone: 717-242-7218

Fax: 717-242-7132

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to complete the implementation of a PACS system that will allow the hospital to provide clinicians with Internet access to multiple current and archived radiology and cardiovascular images and related analytic reports. The system will also enable the hospital to access various remote imaging service locations and permit the patients' imaging results to be transmitted electronically via the Internet to the hospital for immediate interpretation by trained radiologists and cardiologists.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$62,900

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: PA

County: Fayette, Greene, Westmoreland, Washington

Congressman, District: PA-09, 12, 18

Senators:

Recipient: Family Home Health Services, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Mr. Kiran R. Bakshi

Mailing Address: 2500 Mosside Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146

Telephone: 412-856-4000

Fax: 412-373-6877

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to implement a home health care telemedicine program which will utilize telemonitors, videophones, integrated stethoscopes and digital cameras. This equipment will allow communication of medication reminders, remote health sign monitoring and visual imagery of patient wounds and problems. Data will be transmitted to a confidential website where it would be available to authorized healthcare team members in real time. The videophone capability will allow health care professionals to interact with patients who reside at home or in assisted living facilities.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$205,631

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: PA

County: Schuylkill

Congressman, District: PA-17

Senators:

Recipient: Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29

Recipient Contact: David A. Zerbe

Mailing Address: PO Box 130, 17 Maple Avenue, PA 17951-0130

Telephone: 570-544-9131

Fax: 570-544-6916

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase equipment that will enable IP based videoconferencing of courses at schools in this rural Pennsylvania county. This project will help increase student achievement and provide access to educational programming currently not available for students. A total of 25 hub and end-user sites are connecting to form a hi-speed fiber IP based network capable of utilizing various technologies including IP based video conferencing. For all schools to be able to utilize this network, the project will fund an IP based videoconferencing group system, a smart board, a video projector, and audio speakers in each location. This project will directly affect the education of nearly 18,325 students that comprise these sites.

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South Carolina



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$334,485

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: SC

County: Allendale, Colleton, Richland

Congressman, District: SC-02, 06

Senators:

Recipient: Western Carolina Higher Education Commission

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Jane T. Brewer

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 617, Allendale, SC 29810

Telephone: 803-584-3446

Fax: 843-549-6007

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to expand distance learning education between USC Salkehatchie and the Western Carolina Higher Education Commission to students in rural South Carolina. The project will use a variety of computer communications equipment, as well as videoconferencing and audio equipment, to

connect students in the Salkehatchie region of South Carolina with classes taking place as far as 100 miles away on the main USC campus in Columbia.

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South Dakota



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$453,469

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: SD

County: Bon Homme, Brown, Charles Mix, Davison, Gregory, Hand, Holt, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Madison, Marshall, McPherson, Minnehaha, Roberts, Sioux, Spink, Walworth, Yankton

Congressman, District: SD-01; NE-03; IA-05

Senators:

Recipient: Avera Health

Recipient Contact: Jim Breckenridge

Mailing Address: 3900 W. Avera Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Telephone: 605-322-4700

Fax: 605-322-4799

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide access to electronic critical care using teleradiology, videoconferencing equipment for patient education and continuing education opportunities for health care professionals..

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$95,201

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: SD

County: Beadle, Kingsbury

Congressman, District: SD-At Large

Senators:

Recipient: Huron Regional Medical Center, dba DeSmet Memorial Hospital

Recipient Contact: Janet Schardin

Mailing Address: 306 Prarie Avenue, SW, De Smet, SD 57231

Telephone: 605-854-3329

Fax: 605-854-3161

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to establish a teleradiology program through the use of computed radiography to provide telemedicine services in 9 rural counties to benefit over 18,000 rural residents.

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Tennessee



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$50,000

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: TN

County: Benton, Carroll, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Obion, Weakley

Congressman, District: TN-08

Senators:

Recipient: Carey Counseling Center, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Rozann A. Downing

Mailing Address: 408 Virginia Street, Paris, TN 38242

Telephone: 731-642-0521

Fax: 731-642-1010

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to expand its current telemedicine program to clients in remote rural areas of Tennessee. The program will improve the quality and quantity of staff time by allowing more direct time with consumers and eliminate travel time to remote service areas. Videoconferencing equipment will improve consultation services available to staff that provide services to children in all CAREY sites. A child and adolescent psychiatrist will be able to participate in local children and youth team meetings and

improvements in family therapy sessions can be realized. The project will extend services to seven rural counties of northwest Tennessee.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$273,334

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: TN

County: Union

Congressman, District: TN-03, 05

Senators:

Recipient: Union County Board of Education

Recipient Contact: Brandi Coppock

Mailing Address: 3006 Maynardville Highway, Maynardville, TN 37087

Telephone: 865-992-5466

Fax: 865-992-0126

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to implement a distance learning program to help students, teachers, and community members in Union County. The program will also focus on developing a system that will deliver high quality content to students in grades K-12 and all teachers, and create a community outreach program. Additionally, the more important focus is on providing Algebra I, Geometry, and specialized counseling services to the middle school, introducing Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment classes at the high school and expanding foreign language opportunities to all students. The system will utilize an

interactive presentation system with interactive whiteboards and duo-video capabilities allowing all locations to see both presenter and presentation.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$370,233

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: TN

County: Campbell, Claiborne, Grundy, Hamblen, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Johnson, Lake, Morgan, Perry, Polk, Shelby, Trousdale, Wayne, Williamson

Congressman, District: TN-01, 03, 04, 06, 07, 08, 09

Senators:

Recipient: Community Health Network, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Keith Williams

Mailing Address: 6350 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy., Talbott, TN 37877

Telephone: 865-397-5947

Fax: 865-397-5774

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase equipment that will deliver telemedicine specialty care to 16 primary care centers serving 46,000 residents of rural Tennessee. This project will enable rural residents to access specialty health care by visiting a primary care center in or near their home which will greatly reduce patient

travel and increase patient services. Distance learning courses will also be provided for health care staff at the 16 end-user primary care centers.

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Texas



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$296,638

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: TX

County: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Knox, Montague, Pecos, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger, Zavala

Congressman, District: TX-13, 19, 23

Senators:

Recipient: Region 9 Education Service Center

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Susan R. Sullivan

Mailing Address: 301 Loop 11, Wichita Falls, TX 76306

Telephone: 940-322-6928

Fax: 940-767-3836

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide rural residents with distance learning capabilities that will include electronic field trips for elementary students, a character education program for students and parents, professional science development for elementary staff

members and extended learning opportunities for rural residents in 71 schools.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$253,650

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: TX

County: Cameron, Hidalgo, Zapata

Congressman, District: TX-15, 25, 27, 28

Senators:

Recipient: Region One Education Service Center

Recipient Contact: Elaine M. Sellhorn

Mailing Address: 1900 W. Schunior Road, Edinburg, TX 78541

Telephone: 956-984-6065

Fax: 956-984-6059

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to link 19 rural campuses along the southeastern Rio Grande River. Students and teachers will receive enhanced curricular activities designed to improve language development, promote confidence, and enhance student learning opportunities through interaction with experts in the fields of science, math, history, and literature.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$50,000

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: TX

County: Ector, McCamey

Congressman, District: TX-11

Senators:

Recipient: McCamey County Hospital District

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Peggy York

Mailing Address: 2500 Hwy 305 South, McCamey, TX 79752

Telephone: 325-938-9868

Fax: 325-938-5768

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to develop teleradiology services by electronically transmitting patient X-Ray images and consultative text between various locations. The project is intended to deliver improved and timely patient care to the rural residents of McCamey using this technology to access radiologists 24 hours a day. The system will also utilize a PACS system to send, store, and retrieve vital patient information and images.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$52,559

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: TX

County: Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Concho, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Tom Greene, and Val Verde

Congressman, District: TX-11, 13, 19, 23

Senators:

Recipient: Texas State Technical College – West Texas

Recipient Contact: Mark Hampton

Mailing Address: 300 Homer K. Taylor Drive, Sweetwater, TX 79556

Telephone: 325-734-3616

Fax: 324-734-3619

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to assist all school districts in the West Texas Telecommunication Consortium with enhanced network functioning and distance learning. The project is an upgrade to a bridge which processes the audio and video signals used in videoconferencing or distance learning. The upgrade will allow the participating sites to add end users (classrooms) with a higher quality and more versatile signal.

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Vermont



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$73,000

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: VT

County: Caledonia, Essex, Orleans

Congressman, District: VT – At large

Senators:

Recipient: Northern Counties Health Care, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Mrs. Rita H. Laferriere

Mailing Address: 161 Sherman Drive, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

Telephone: 802-748-8116

Fax: 802-748-3285

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to develop an in-home telemedicine program that will improve client care, improve client outcomes and contribute to enhanced quality and efficiency for the staff and clients. The project will utilize portable telehealth home monitoring equipment, wireless medical device videophones, electronic stethoscopes, portable ECG machines and telephone enhancements for documentation of critical assessments. Care Companion Nurse Stations will be utilized to gather and interpret data while also permitting live video interactions with clients.

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Virginia



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$104,166

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: VA

County: Brunswick, Greensville, Mecklenburg

Congressman, District: VA-04, 05

Senators:

Recipient: Southside Virginia Community College

Recipient Contact: Dr. Linda G. Sheffield

Mailing Address: 109 Campus Drive, Alberta, Virginia 23821-2930

Telephone: 434-949-1010

Fax: 434-949-7863

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to increase access to post-secondary education and training in this underserved rural area of Virginia by increasing capacity for more on-site course offerings, providing additional learning resources and support services, and providing student access to both synchronous and asynchronous distance learning opportunities. Over 2000 rural residents will benefit from four distance learning sites that will serve as both hub and end-user sites. This distance learning project will allow those underemployed or unemployed to acquire jobs skills to make them more marketable in the domestic and global economy. It will allow all workers to keep their skills up-to-date through continuing

education.

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Washington



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$244,488

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: WA

County: Chelan, Grant, Okanogan

Congressman, District: WA-04

Senators:

Recipient: Community Choice PHCO

Recipient Contact: Thomas M. Jones

Mailing Address: 620 N. Emerson, Suite 303, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Telephone: 509-664-8478

Fax: 509-665-7672

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to expand existing infrastructure represented by the regional Medical Wide Area Network which functions on high speed broadband connections. Objectives of the project include the introduction of health

information technologies, improved home health and hospice services, video conferencing services for patient-family visitations, and expanded teleradiology and telepharmacy applications.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$75,975

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: WA

County: Grays Harbor, Pacific, Thurston

Congressman, District: WA-03, 06, 09

Senators:

Recipient: Pacific Mountain Workforce Consortium

Recipient Contact: Michael H. Kennedy

Mailing Address: 1570 Irving Street, Tumwater, WA 98507

Telephone: 360-704-3600

Fax: 360-704-6444

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to deliver educational programming to rural youth and community members and to teachers in rural areas. End-user sites will be equipped with videoconferencing equipment, web-access and media delivery workstations for instructor-led courses, and network accessible digital educational content that can be archived and received at each

end-user site.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$111,722

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

State: WA

County: Ferry, Pend Oreille, Stevens

Congressman, District: WA-05

Senators:

Recipient: Ferry County Public Hospital District #1

Recipient Contact: Ron O'Halloran

Mailing Address: 36 Klondike Road, Republic, WA 99166

Telephone: 509-775-3333

Fax: 509-775-3866

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to utilize videoconferencing units for the purpose of distance learning. Along with the videoconferencing equipment, the project will utilize a SimMan training tool to provide valuable on-site medical training to the local workforce. RD funds will give the area an opportunity to provide quality medical training to local medical and emergency personnel as well as provide timely, quality medical services to the communities.

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West Virginia



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$291,280

Program:	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program
State:	WV
County:	Mason
Congressman, District:	WV-02
Senators:	
Recipient:	Pleasant Valley Hospital dba Pleasant Valley Home Health
Recipient Contact:	Trina G. Hannan
Mailing Address:	1011 Viand Street, Point Pleasant, WV 25550
Telephone:	304-675-7400
Fax:	304-675-7401
Purpose of Grant:	Rural Development funds will be used to develop a home telemonitoring and point-of-care system for rural residents of Mason County. The telemonitoring system will be used to decrease morbidity, reduce hospitalizations, emergent care visits and improve patients' quality of life for those living in rural areas with limited access to health care services. The home telemonitoring system will provide the patient and/or caregiver the ability to measure heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, blood glucose levels and oxygen

saturation. Information is transmitted by phone from the patient's home to a hub site where a nurse can interpret the data and provide intervention as directed by a physician.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$269,715

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: WV

County: Tyler, Wetzel

Congressman, District: WV-01

Senators:

Recipient: Wetzel County Hospital

Recipient Contact: David K. McCartney

Mailing Address: 3 East Benjamine Drive, New Martinsville, WV 26155

Telephone: 304-455-8013

Fax: 304-455-4259

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to implement a CR and PACS system at Wetzel County Hospital which will digitally capture and store patient imaging studies. The system will allow physicians to access current and prior patient diagnostic studies in real-time from a distant location which will improve treatment initiation start time and quality as well as greatly reduce the need for patient travel.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$490,657

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: WV

County: Fayette

Congressman, District: WV-03

Senators:

Recipient: Fayette County Schools

Recipient Contact: Ben Pettry

Mailing Address: 111 Fayette Avenue, Fayetteville, WV 25840

Telephone: 304-574-1176

Fax: 304-574-3643

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to install eight distance learning centers in Fayette County's 6 high schools, the Fayette Institute of Technology Vocational-Technical facility, and the New River Family Health Center. The distance learning capabilities will be utilized for shared academic and vocational-technical instruction, community adult education and continuing professional education, as well as health and wellness education for students, parents, and residents of the communities.

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Wisconsin



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$119,270

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: WI

County: Allamakee, Fillmore, Juneau, Lacrosse

Congressman, District: WI-3, IA-4, MN-01

Senators:

Recipient: Gunderson Clinic, Ltd.

Recipient Contact: Cathy S. Fischer

Mailing Address: 1836 South Avenue, La Crosse, WI 54601

Telephone: 608-775-2358

Fax: 608-775-2358

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to install digital radiography services at 4 additional sites in the service area which will allow the radiographic images to be received and interpreted by radiologists at their hub site in La Crosse.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$114,558

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: WI

County: Calumet, Chippewa, Door, Lincoln, Oneida, Outagamie, Portage, Taylor, Vilas, Wood, Winnebago

Congressman, District: WI-06, 07, 08

Senators:

Recipient: Ministry Health Care, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Marie E. Janz

Mailing Address: 900 Illinois Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481

Telephone: 715-346-5090

Fax: 715-343-3246

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to offer educational opportunities to the Ministry Home Care professional clinical staff to utilize increased network bandwidth so as to provide access to the required educational content. Technology included in the project will include an application and content networking system (ACNS), a WebEx Training Center and a MPEG-4 encoder/decoder. The technology will give the telecommunications system the ability to web cast, multicast, transcode and use two-way interactive video education over the MHC network to six home health agencies and 5 home health work sites.

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Wyoming



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$494,748

Program: **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program**

State: WY

County: Carbon, Fremont, Platte, Sheridan

Congressman, District: WY-01

Senators:

Recipient: Fremont County School District #2

Recipient Contact: Randy Tucker

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Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to improve student achievement in rural schools in Wyoming. The project will provide expanded educational and vocational opportunities for the communities through distance learning as well as address community issues of education and training. A total of 13 sites will participate through standards based IP connections.

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