

## Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program

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State	Sen.	Rep.	Recipient	Grants	Project Description
AL	Richard Shelby, Doug Jones	Mike Rogers (03), Robert Aderholt (04), Gary Palmer (06)	Alabama Department of Mental Health	\$213,182	This Rural Development investment will help the Alabama Department of Mental Health implement a telehealth project to address substance use disorders and mental health issues. Interactive telehealth equipment will be installed at 10 locations in Franklin, Jefferson, Marion, Montgomery and Walker counties in Alabama. This project will increase rural access to health care treatment and services, reduce costs and travel time, and reduce incarcerations and drug-related emergencies. It will potentially assist more than 48,000 residents.
CA	Dianne Feinstein Kamala Harris	Julia Brownley (26)	Landon Pediatric Foundation	\$149,725	This Rural Development investment will help the Landon Pediatric Foundation implement the Pacific Telemedicine Network American Samoa Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Program. The project will expand the telemedicine network at 11 locations in American Samoa and link them to a hub site in Ventura, Calif. This project also will use telemedicine equipment for telepathology and tele-dentistry and training programs potentially benefiting 55,533 residents.
LA	Bill Cassidy, John Kennedy	Clay Higgins (03), Mike Johnson (04), Ralph Abraham (05), Garret Graves (06)	Lafayette General Health	\$103,461	This Rural Development investment will help Lafayette General Health implement a telemedicine project to prevent and treat opioid misuse disorders. Interactive video equipment will be installed at six locations in Acadia, Jefferson Davis, St. Martin, Vermillion and Lafayette parishes in Louisiana. This project will create efficient and effective access to health care for more than 172,000 people.
MI	Debbie Stabenow, Gary Peters	Jack Begman (01), John Moolenaar (04), Dan Kildee (05)	Alpena Community College	\$500,000	This Rural Development investment will help Alpena Community College implement a telemedicine project to address opioid misuse disorders. Interactive video equipment will be installed at 25 locations in 18 northeastern Michigan counties. This project will increase rural access to education, training and health care resources serving more than 5,000 people.
MI	Debbie Stabenow, Gary Peters	John Moolenaar (04)	Ortele LLC	\$50,104	This Rural Development investment will help Ortele LLC implement a telemedicine project to improve access to and the quality of opiate treatment through rural digital clinics. Interactive video equipment will be installed at two locations in Clare and Kalkaska counties in Michigan. This project will increase rural access to health care resources and will help 48,000 residents.
MT	Jon Tester, Steve Daines	Greg Gianforte (At Large)	Bighorn Valley Health Center	\$188,717	This Rural Development investment will help Big Horn Valley Health Center create a telehealth network to address opioid misuse disorders. Interactive video equipment will be installed at seven locations, health centers and a school in 11 central and eastern Montana counties. This project will increase rural access to primary care, oral health care, behavioral health care and substance misuse treatment, including medication-assisted treatment. It will serve more than 9,000 people.

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NV	Catherine Cortez-Masto, Jacky Rosen	Mark Amodei (02)	Vitality Center	\$226,348	This Rural Development investment will help the Vitality Center expand a telemedicine project to address opioid misuse disorders. Interactive video equipment will be installed at four locations in Elko and Lyon counties. This project will expand access to evidence-based practices for opioid misuse disorders, including a medication-assisted therapy program and peer recovery services. Services will be available to more than 10,000 residents.
OH	Sherrrod Brown, Rob Portman	Brad Wenstrup (02), Joyce Beatty (03), Bill Johnson (06)	The Ohio State University	\$274,961	This Rural Development investment will help The Ohio State University implement a distance learning project to help prevent opioid misuse disorders. Interactive video equipment will be installed at eight locations in seven southern Ohio counties serving more than 31,000 residents. The project's goal is to reduce fatal opioid-related overdoses and opioid misuse in general through prevention education to community members and health care providers in rural areas. The project will also provide recovery and support training to community members and care providers to help people with opioid misuse disorders begin recovery, avoid relapses and seek employment.
OH	Sherrrod Brown, Rob Portman	Bill Johnson (06), Steve Stivers (15)	Marietta Memorial Hospital	\$465,908	This Rural Development investment will help Marietta Memorial Hospital implement a telemedicine project to address opioid misuse disorders. Interactive video equipment will be installed at eight locations in Washington, Athens, Vinton, Jackson and Meigs counties. The project will increase rural access to education, training, and health care resources serving more than 35,017 residents.
PA	Ben Casey, Patrick Toomey	Mike Kelly (16)	Crawford County Drug & Alcohol Executive Commission	\$312,448	This Rural Development investment will help the Crawford County Drug & Alcohol Executive Commission implement a telemedicine project to address opioid misuse disorders. Interactive video equipment will be installed at 10 locations in Crawford County. This project will improve services and emergency response times affecting more than 2,000 patients, thereby helping to reduce opioid overdose and substance misuse deaths.
UT	Mike Lee, Mitt Romney	Chris Stewart (02), John Curtis (03), Ben McAdams (04)	Utah State University	\$175,039	This Rural Development investment will help Utah State University expand a distance learning project, Rural Utah DistanceEd to Enhance Opioid Recovery Support and Workforce. Interactive video equipment will be installed at seven locations in six Utah counties. This project will increase the capacity to train peer support recovery specialists and other health care professionals in communities with large numbers of opioid overdoses. Approximately 25,000 people will have access to these benefits.
VT	Patrick Leahy, Bernie Sanders	Peter Welch (At Large)	Vermont Association for Mental Health and Addiction Recovery	\$90,608	This Rural Development investment will help the Vermont Association for Mental Health and Addiction Recovery implement a telemedicine project to address opioid misuse disorders. Interactive video equipment will be installed at five locations in the remote Northeast Kingdom (Essex, Orleans, Caledonia, and Orange counties) and in Windham County, Vermont. This project will build a virtual recovery coaching network using advanced, easy-to-use behavioral health telemedicine technology allowing certified recovery coaches to support the patients. The project is expected to coach 1,481 people from a community of 26,037 rural residents.



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