

qualify as a Medically Underserved Community (MUC) the project must include facilities that are federally designated as any of the following:

Community Health Centers, Migrant Health Centers, Health Care for the Homeless Grantees, Public Housing Primary Care Grantees, Rural Health Clinics, National Health Service Corps sites, Indian Health Services Sites, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Primary Medical Care Health Professional Shortage Areas, Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas, Nurse Shortage Areas, State or Local Health Departments, and Ambulatory practice sites designated by State Governors as serving medically underserved communities.

(2) Ambulatory practice sites designated by State Governors as serving medically underserved communities; OR

(3) Propose to develop project with a focus on primary care and prevention and wellness.

The applicant must request and identify the particular preference they are eligible for to receive a funding preference.

**Special Considerations:** The Office of Rural Health Policy seeks to expand the outreach program into geographic areas not currently served by the program. Consequently, HRSA will consider geographic location when deciding which approved applications to fund.

**Estimated Amount of This**

**Competition:** \$3,500,000.

**Estimated Number of awards:** 20.

**Estimated Project Period:** 3 years.

**HRSA-04-001 Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (RHOGP)**

**Application Availability Date:** June 16, 2003/June 15, 2004.

**Application Deadline:** September 12, 2003/September 13, 2004.

**Projected Award Date:** May 1, 2004/May 1, 2005.

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**HRSA-04-002 Health Network Development Grant Program (RHNGP)**

**CFDA:** 93.912.

**Legislative Authority:** Public Health Service Act, Section, 330A, 116 STAT. 1621, Public Law 107-251, 42 U.S.C. 254c.

**Purpose:** The Rural Health Network Development Grant Program 330A(f) supports development of rural health networks. Grant funds are used to

support activities that strengthen the organizational capabilities of these networks whose purpose is to overcome the fragmentation and vulnerability of providers in rural areas. This program is designed for organizations that wish to further ongoing collaborative relationships to integrate systems of care administratively, clinically, financially, and/or technologically. The goal of the Rural Health Network Development Program is to achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole.

**Cost Sharing Flag:** Yes.

**Eligibility:** The applicant must be a public or nonprofit entity that represents a network that includes at least three or more health care providers. In addition, the grantee must meet at least one of three following requirements:

(1) The applicant organization must be located in a rural area or in a rural ZIP code of an urban county (list included in application materials and on program Web site) and all grant-funded activities must support rural areas; or (2) The applicant organization exists exclusively to provide services to migrant and seasonal farm workers in rural areas and is supported under Section 330(g) of the Public Health Service Act or (3) The applicant is a federally recognized Native American Tribal or quasi-Tribal entity that will deliver services on Reservation or Federally recognized Tribal lands (documentation status must be included.)

**Funding Preferences:** The authorizing legislation for Network Development Grants provides a funding preference for some applicants. Applicants receiving the preference will be placed in a more competitive position among the applications that can be funded. A funding preference will be given to any qualified applicant that can demonstrate either of the following two criteria:

A. Those applicants for which at least 50% of the proposed rural health network's service area is located in officially designated health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) OR medically underserved communities (MUCs) OR serve medically underserved populations (MUPs).

To ascertain HPSA and MUP designation status, please refer to the following Web site: <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/>.

To qualify as a Medically Underserved Community (MUC), at least 50% of the network's participation must include facilities that are federally designated as any of the following:

(a) Community Health Centers  
(b) Migrant Health Centers  
(c) Health Care for the Homeless Grantees  
(d) Public Housing Primary Care Grantees  
(e) Rural Health Clinics  
(f) National Health Service Corps sites  
(g) Indian Health Service sites  
(h) Federally Qualified Health Centers  
(i) Primary Medical Care Health Professional Shortage Areas  
(j) Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas  
(k) Nurse Shortage Areas  
(l) State or Local Health Departments  
(m) Ambulatory practice sites designated by State Governors as serving medically underserved communities; or

B. Those applicants whose projects focus on primary care, and wellness and prevention strategies.

**Review Criteria:** Final review criteria are included in the application kit.

**Special Considerations:** The Office of Rural Health Policy seeks to expand the Network Development grant program into geographic areas not currently supported by the program.

Consequently, the Office will consider geographic location when deciding which approved applications to fund.

**Estimated Amount of This**

**Competition:** \$2,000,000.

**Estimated Number of Awards:** 10-15.

**Estimated Project Period:** 3 years.

**HRSA-04-002 Rural Health Network Development Grant Program (RHNGP)**

**Application Availability Date:** June 2, 2003/June 11, 2004.

**Application Deadline:** September 26, 2003/September 20, 2004.

**Projected Award Date:** May 1, 2004/May 1, 2005.

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**HRSA-04-003 Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (RHNPGR)**

**CFDA:** 93.912.

**Legislative Authority:** Public Health Service Act, Section 330A(f), 42 U.S.C. 254c.

**Purpose:** The Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program supports one year of planning activities to develop integrated health care networks in rural areas. The Planning Grant Program provides support to rural entities that seek to develop a formal health care network and that do not have a significant history of