

ALABAMA RURAL HEALTH FUNDING FORECAST

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Operation Get Funded Off to Promising Start

Upcoming Workshops

Operation Get Funded will be in Mobile on **April 2 and 3** offering the following FREE workshops:

- Introduction to Grant Writing
- Grants.gov
- Evaluation
- Budgeting

April 30 – Introduction to Grant Writing
Alabama Power Watercourse, Clanton
10 to 3

For more information, contact Carolyn Bern at carolyn.bern@adph.state.al.us
We will be posting additional RFP and workshop announcements at our website www.adph.org/ruralhealth.

Welcome to the second issue of the *Funding Forecast*. As we write this issue, Alabama expects the announcement of numerous funding opportunities through the **American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA)**, also known as the “Stimulus Package.” Although many organizations are trying to anticipate and plan for these funding announcements, many questions exist regarding the amount of time organizations will have to respond to Requests for Proposals (RFP’s).

In this issue, we provide you with some website resources addressing ARRA funding. We would also encourage you to check our website at www.adph.org/ruralhealth for rural health grant announcements. In addition, we will be posting last minute RFP reviews that may be planned as a result of ARRA funding announcements.

Carole, Rosalyn and I are thrilled with the response we have received from participants in the *Operation Get Funded* program. Since November, we have had over 150 participants in our FREE grantsmanship workshops and have provided one-on-one technical assistance to more than 25 rural healthcare entities. We welcome your suggestions as we develop activities that support rural communities as they mobilize and maximize healthcare resources from Federal, State and local grant opportunities.

Wishing you success!

Carolyn Bern
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----Helpful Hints----

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), familiarly known as the Stimulus Package, became law on February 17, 2009. ARRA, “an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy,” designates \$59 billion for health care, \$111 billion for infrastructure and science, \$53 billion for education and training, \$81 billion for protecting the vulnerable, and \$483 billion for other priorities. Alabama is expected to receive about \$3 billion in noncompetitive ARRA funds. Additional funds are potentially available to Alabama organizations through competitive grants. Federal and state governments are in the process of determining exactly where the funds will go. You can keep abreast of ARRA information through the following websites:

- <http://www.recovery.gov> for general information.
- <http://www.stimulus.alabama.gov> for Alabama-specific information.
- <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery> for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services information.
- http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/?navid=USDA_ARRA for U.S. Department of Agriculture information.
- <http://grants.gov> for grant opportunities and links to federal agencies’ ARRA websites.

Grants.gov

Grants.gov is a single comprehensive site to discover and apply for opportunities from all 26 federal grant-making agencies. Through Grants.gov, you can search for funding opportunities, including ARRA opportunities; find links to program guides and applications; download applications for funding and apply for grant funding. If you plan to apply for a federal grant, you need to register with grants.gov. This process requires several steps and can take several weeks. The following websites are available for more information on grants.gov:

- The Grants.gov **Stakeholder Webcast** is broadcast quarterly. During the broadcast, viewers are given up-to-date information, including updates on system problems and efforts to resolve them. E-mailed questions are answered by presenters during the webcast. To be notified of webcast dates and times, e-mail support@Grants.gov.
- To obtain tips, recent information, and supporting links, subscribe to the quarterly *Succeed* newsletter. You may do so through http://Grants.gov/applicants/app_helpreso.jsp#guides. Click on “Quarterly *Succeed* e-Newsletter.”
- For the most recent information about system problems and progress toward resolving them, read the **Grants.gov blog**. Go to <http://Grants.gov> and click on “Grants.gov blog.”
- For a list of frequently-asked questions (FAQs) and their answers, go to <http://Grants.gov>, click on “Applicant Resources,” and then click on “**Applicant FAQs**.”
- The Grants.gov **Applicant User Guide** was updated in March. It can be accessed at <http://grants.gov/assets/ApplicantUserGuide.pdf>
- For a tutorial on submitting applications, see http://www.grants.gov/flash/AdobeReaderApplicationTutorial_skin.swf

----Sources of Information----

Each issue of the *Funding Forecast* highlights a resource on rural health issues, provides a quiz designed to familiarize users with the information source, and gives answers to questions posed in the previous issue’s quiz.

Highlighted Source

This issue focuses on the website of the Rural Access Center (RAC) as a data source. RAC—housed in the Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS)—was established in 2002 to give “rural communities and other rural stakeholders access to the full range of available programs, funding, and research that can enable them to provide quality health and human services to rural residents.”

Website: www.raconline.org

Sponsor: Rural Assistance Center, HRSA, USDHHS

Subscription Fee: None

Examples of Available Information: Information guides that focus on rural aspects of issues or topics; summaries of funding opportunities that can be searched by sponsor, topic, and geographic coverage; links to issues of “The Rural Monitor,” RACs quarterly publication; interactive maps; state-specific statistics and resources; telephone numbers for free customized assistance.

Sources of Information Quiz

Test your ability to use raconline. The answers to all of the following questions can be found at www.raconline.org.

- As of September of 2008, how many rural health clinics were located in Alabama?
- Which Alabama county had the highest agricultural sales in 2002?
- What was Alabama’s most exported agricultural product in 2007?
- What is the name of the Marshall University publication that is devoted to sociological, psychological, and mental health issues in rural and small community settings?
- What is the name of the resource that offers a database of over 150 prescription drug assistance programs available from pharmaceutical companies?
- What percentage of hospitals in Alabama are located in rural areas?

Answers to Issue 1 “Sources of Information” Quiz

Questions and Answers	Links to Answers
What percentage of residents who died in Colbert County from 2002 through 2005 used hospice? 21.7%	http://www.adph.org/healthstats/assets/Hospice07.pdf
How many infant deaths occurred in Pickens County in 2006? 7	http://www.adph.org/healthstats/assets/chppickens06.pdf
In what year did the largest number of marriages occur in Alabama? 1946 (56,333 marriages)	http://www.adph.org/healthstats/assets/tble71-4503.pdf
Which county did ADPH rank 12 th in overall disease burden in 2004? Bibb	http://www.adph.org/ADMINISTRATION/chronicdisease.pdf
What was the first full year in which births and deaths were recorded in Alabama? 1909	http://www.adph.org/healthstats/assets/anniversary1.pdf
What percentage of Alabama mothers reported in 2003 that they always or almost always allowed their infants to co-sleep with themselves or others? 34.1%	http://www.adph.org/healthstats/assets/PRAMS03.pdf

----SELECTED FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES----

(Information is collected from funders. Office of Primary Care Rural Health is not responsible for erroneous information provided by funders.)

Opportunities	Funders	Purposes/Objectives	Financials	Deadlines
Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) to Improve the Delivery and Effectiveness of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Services for High-Risk and/or Racial/Ethnic Minority Populations	CDC	To build capacity of organizations to operate optimally and to provide evidence-based interventions and public health strategies that can help reduce the burden of HIV infection among high-risk and/or racial/ethnic minority populations	Expected Number of Awards: 28 Award Ceiling: \$1,462,500	5/11/09
Compassion Capital Fund Communities Empowering Youth Program	ACF	To build the capacity of organizations and their collaborating partners to better meet the needs of America's disadvantaged youth.	Expected Number of Awards: 60 Award Ceiling: \$250,000 (Estimated)	06/06/09 (Estimated)
Compassion Capital Fund Intermediary Demonstration Program	ACF	To deliver capacity building services to faith-based and community organizations through the provision of training, technical assistance, and sub-awards.	Expected Number of Awards: 12 Award Ceiling: \$500,000	05/09/09 (Estimated)
Decision, Risk and Management Sciences	NSF	To support scientific research directed at increasing the understanding and effectiveness of decision making by individuals, groups, organizations, and society.	Award Ceiling: Up to \$200,000 for one year	8/15/09
Family Centered Substance Abuse Treatment Grants for Adolescents and their Families	SAMHSA	To provide substance abuse services to adolescents, their families/primary caregivers and older transition age youth and where appropriate, any significant others/mentors or other appropriate adults.	Expected Number of Awards: 13 Award Ceiling: \$300,000	4/24/09
Health Promotion among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males (R21)	NIH	To: 1) enhance understanding of factors that influence health-promoting behaviors of racial and ethnic minority males and their subpopulations across the life cycle and 2) develop and test appropriate health-promoting interventions.	Direct costs limited to \$275,000 over two years, with no more than \$200,000 in direct costs per year.	6/16/09 10/16/09
Information Technologies and the Internet in Health Services and Intervention Delivery (R03) & (R21)	NIH	To study the impact of health information technology on health interventions and services.	Award Ceiling: \$200,000	6/16/09 10/16/09

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Opportunities	Funders	Purposes/Objectives	Financials	Deadlines
NIH-Supported Centers for Population Health and Health Disparities (P50)	NIH	To promote health inequities research with the purpose of improving health outcomes and quality of life for populations with higher disease burdens.	Estimated Total Program Funding: \$14,000,000	5/29/09
Pilot and Feasibility Studies on Oral Health Promotion Research across the Life Span (R21)	NIH	To encourage preliminary collection of data on oral health promotion research directed at improving oral health.	Up to \$275,000 in direct costs over 2 years	6/16/09 10/16/09
Planning Grant for Oral Health Promotion across the Life Span (R21)	NIH	To encourage and support research directed at improving oral health and preventing diseases.	Up to \$100,000 in direct costs for one year	6/16/09 10/16/09
Planning Grants for Translational Research for the Prevention and Control of Diabetes and Obesity (R34)	NIH	To develop cost-effective and sustainable interventions, that can be adopted in real world settings, for the prevention and control of diabetes and obesity.	Up to \$150,000 in direct costs per year for 2 years	6/16/09 10/16/09
Research on Improving Health Care for Obese Patients (R01)	NIH	To determine barriers to health care and improve health outcomes for obese patients.	Not Specified	6/5/09 10/5/09
Rural Community Development Initiative	USDA	To develop the capacity and ability of low-income rural community organizations to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities, or community and economic development.	Award Floor: \$50,000 Award Ceiling: \$300,000	5/5/09
Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program	HRSA	To develop formal integrated health care networks whose purpose are to improve coordination of health services in rural communities.	FY 2008: 33 grants	9/??/09
Social Psychology	NSF	To support basic research on human social behavior.	Up to \$200,000 for one year	7/15/09
Sociology	NSF	To support basic research on all forms of human social organization and processes of individual and institutional change.	Up to \$200,000 for one year	8/15/09
Translational Research for the Prevention and Control of Diabetes and Obesity (R18)	NIH	To develop cost effective and sustainable interventions that can be adopted in real world settings, for the prevention and control of diabetes and obesity.	Up to \$500,000 per year	6/25/09 9/25/09

Abbreviations for Selected Funding Opportunities:

ACF = Administration for Children and Families, USDHHS
 CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, USDHHS
 HRSA = Health Resources and Services Administration, USDHHS
 HUD = U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
 NIH = National Institutes of Health, USDHHS
 NSF = National Science Foundation
 SAMHSA = Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, USDHHS
 USDA = U.S. Department of Agriculture
 USDHHS = U.S. Department of Health and Human Services