

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GRANTS – GETTING STARTED

GRANTS.GOV ([HTTP://GRANTS.GOV/](http://grants.gov))

Grants.gov is a primary source to FIND and APPLY for Federal grants. All Federal grant making agencies are required to post synopses of grant funding announcement on Grants.gov. In addition, many agencies post the full funding announcement on Grants.gov and accept applications through Grants.gov. As such, potential applicants are strongly encouraged to navigate Grants.gov and, in doing so, become familiar with:

- The FIND function (http://grants.gov/applicants/find_grant_opportunities.jsp)
- The APPLY function (http://grants.gov/applicants/apply_for_grants.jsp). Please note that you do not have to register with Grants.gov to FIND grant opportunities. However, once you are ready to APPLY for a grant, you will need to register in accordance with the steps below if you have not previously applied for a grant.
- Available applicant resources (http://grants.gov/applicants/app_help_reso.jsp) including, but not limited to, FAQs, checklists, and User Guides.

GRANTSNET ([HTTP://WWW.HHS.GOV/GRANTSNET/](http://www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/))

GrantsNet is a primary source of information for HHS potential and existing grantees including:

- An overview of the grants process (<http://www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/OverviewGrantMgtProcess.htm>)
- Tips for writing grant proposals (<http://www.hhs.gov/grantsnet/AppTips.htm>)

Organization Registration Checklist -- *If you never applied for a Federal grant, you need to complete the steps encompassed in the Organizational Registration Checklist. This registration process typically takes 3-5 business days.*

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| Step 1 | Obtain a Data Universal Number System (DUNS) number by going to http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do |
| Step 2 | Register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) by going to http://www.ccr.gov/
When your organization registers with the CCR, you must designate an E-business point of contact (E-Biz POC). The E-Biz POC will designate which staff member(s) from your organization are allowed to submit applications electronically through Grants.gov. These designated staff members are called Authorized Organization Representatives (AORs) |
| Step 3 | After the organization registers with the CCR, AORs must wait one business day, at which time they can complete their profile on Grants.gov to create their user name and password. AORs will need to know the DUNS number to complete the process. |
| Step 4 | After the AOR registers with Grants.gov to submit applications, the E-Biz POC will receive an e-mail notification. The E-Biz POC must then login to Grants.gov and approve the AOR. When an E-Biz POC approves an AOR, Grants.gov will send the AOR a confirmation e-mail. |

COST PRINCIPLES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

The cost principles and administrative requirements governing a grant are determined by the type of organization receiving the grant as follows. OMB Circulars can be found at

(http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/grants_circulars.html)

- OMB Circular A-21, Cost Principles for Educational Institutions
- OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments
- OMB Circular A-122, Cost Principles for Non-Profit Organizations
- Appendix E of 45 CFR Part 74, Principles for Determining Costs Applicable to R&D under Grants and Contracts to Hospitals
- OMB Circular, A-102 Grants and Cooperative Agreements with State and Local Governments. HHS' implementation of OMB's administrative grant guidance can be found at 45 CFR, Part 92 http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_03/45cfr92_03.html
- OMB Circular A-110, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Other Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations. HHS' implementation of OMB's administrative grant guidance can be found at 45 CFR, Part 74 http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_03/45cfr74_03.html

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INFORMATION ON GRANT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

ARRA Health Information Technology Grants			
Title	Objective	Eligible Applicants	Grantee Cost Share
Health Care Information Enterprise Integration Research Centers	Generate innovate approaches to health care information enterprise integration	Institutions of higher education or consortia thereof which may include nonprofit entities and Federal Government laboratories	None specified in ARRA
Health Information Technology Implementation Assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Information Technology Research Center Health Information Technology Regional Extension Centers 	<p>Provide technical assistance and develop or recognize best practices to support and accelerate efforts to adopt, implement, and effectively utilize health information technology that allows for the electronic exchange and use of information</p> <p>Provide technical assistance and disseminate best practices and other information learned from the Research Center</p>	Regional centers shall be affiliated with any United States-based nonprofit institution or organization, or group thereof	The Secretary may provide financial support to any regional center for a period not to exceed four years. The Secretary may not provide more than 50 percent of the capital and annual operating and maintenance funds required to create and maintain such a center, except in an instance of national economic conditions which would render this cost-share requirement detrimental to the program and upon notification to Congress as to the justification to waive the cost-share requirement.
State Grants to Promote Health Information Technology – Planning and Implementation Grants	Facilitate and expand the electronic movement and use of health information among organizations according to nationally recognized standards and implementation specifications	State or qualified State-designated entity	-Prior to FY2011 – determined by Secretary -FY2011 – Not less than \$1 for each \$10 of Federal funds -FY2012 - Not less than \$1 for each \$7 of Federal funds -FY2013 and each subsequent fiscal year - Not less than \$1 for each \$3 of Federal funds
Competitive Grants to States and Indian Tribes for the Development of Loan Programs to Health Care Providers	Facilitate the widespread adoption of certified EHR technology	State or Indian tribe (as defined in the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act)	Not less than \$1 (directly or through donations from public and private entities) for each \$5 of Federal funds provided by the grant
Demonstration Program to Integrate Information Technology Into Clinical Education	Develop academic curricula integrating certified EHR technology in the clinical education of health professionals	(a) A school of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, or pharmacy, a graduate program in behavioral or mental health, or any other graduate health professions school (b) A graduate school of nursing or physician assistant studies (c) A consortium of two or more schools described in (a) or (b) (d) an institution with a graduate medical education program in medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, or physician assistance studies	The Secretary may not provide more than 50 percent of the costs of any activity for which assistance is provided, except in an instance of national economic conditions which would render this cost-share requirement detrimental to the program and upon notification to Congress as to the justification to waive the cost-share requirement.
Information Professionals in Health Care	Expand medical health informatics education programs, including certification, undergraduate, and masters degree programs for both health care and information technology students to ensure the rapid and effective utilization and development of health information technologies in the United States.	Institutions of higher education or consortia thereof	None specified in ARRA