Office for the Advancement of Telehealth

- Funds grants promoting telehealth technology in underserved areas to
  - Improve quality
  - Increase access to care
  - Provide more efficient resource use/decrease travel time.
- Funds research on the use of telehealth.
- Coordinates “FedTel” to discuss telehealth interests across agencies.
How to Apply for HRSA Grants

http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/
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Telehealth Network Grant Program

The TNGP is a competitive grant program that funds projects that demonstrate the use of telehealth networks to improve healthcare services for medically underserved populations in urban, rural, and frontier communities.

- FY16 Project Period: 9/1/16 – 8/31/20
- # of Awards: Up to 21
- Amt. Up to $300,000/year
TNGP Summary

Office of Research and Evaluation

ORE

January 2013

The Telehealth Network Grant Program (TNGP)

Office of the Advancement of Telehealth
Office of Rural Health Policy
Health Resources and Services Administration

A Report Summarizing Performance of the TNGP
## Telehealth Savings on Patient Travel

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Evidence-Based Telehealth Network Grant Program

The EB TNGP is a competitive grant program purpose is to support implementation and evaluation of broad telehealth networks to deliver 24 hour Emergency Department consultation services via telehealth to rural providers without emergency care specialist.

• FY14 Project Period: 9/1/14 – 8/31/17
• # of Awards: 6 recipients
• Amt. per award/year: Up to $400,000/year
Telehealth Focused Rural Health Research Center Cooperative Agreement

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to increase the amount of publically available, high quality, impartial, clinically-informed and policy-relevant telehealth related research.

- FY15 Project Period: 9/1/15 – 8/31/19
- # of Awards: 1 recipient
- Amt: Up to $750,000/year
Rural Child Poverty Telehealth Network Grant Program

- RCP-TNGP is demonstrating how telehealth can expand access to, coordinate and improve quality of health care for children in impoverished rural areas through integrating social and human service organizations.
- $325K per grantee per year for 3 years
- Awardees:
  - University of Kansas
  - University of New Mexico
  - Georgia Partnership for Telehealth
  - Oglala Sioux Tribe (Pine Ridge Reservation) partnering with IHS and Avera Health
TRC's have a mission to serve as a focal point for advancing the effective use of telehealth and support access to telehealth services in rural and underserved communities. The Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center (MATRC) was established as a regional TRC in September 2011.
Licensure Portability Grant Program

The LPGP is a competitive grant program that provides support for State professional licensing boards to carry out programs under which licensing boards of various States cooperate to develop and implement State policies that will reduce statutory and regulatory barriers to telemedicine.

- FY16 Project Period: 7/1/16 – 6/30/19
- # of Awards: Up to 2
- Amt. per award/year: Up to $250,000/year
Licensure Portability Grant Program

- Uniform online applications
- Centralized credentialing
- Expedited Licensure
- Two grantees
Are you using telehealth? Telehealth is defined as the use of telecommunications and information technologies to share information, and provide clinical care, education, public health, and administrative services at a distance.

a. Yes
b. No

If yes (a), how are you using telehealth? (Choose all that apply)

a. Provide primary care services
b. Provide specialty care services
c. Provide mental health services
d. Manage patients with chronic conditions
e. Other (Please specify: ) ____________________

If no (b), please explain why you are not using telehealth:
The Federal Communications Commission’s Connect2Health Task Force launched a web-based mapping tool that visualizes and overlays broadband and health data to enable further study of the connection of health outcomes and broadband availability.

The data-driven tool, *Mapping Broadband Health in America* (available at [www.fcc.gov/health/maps](http://www.fcc.gov/health/maps)) was designed to enable data-driven decision making on broadband health policies and connected health solutions and to help the public and private sector, and local communities, identify opportunities and gaps in connectivity and care, according to FCC officials. The goal is to drive public-private partnerships, private sector collaborations and focus policy efforts on addressing gaps and disparities in connectivity and care.
The Committee directs HRSA to develop a plan to create a telehealth center of excellence [COE] to test the efficacy of telehealth services in both urban and rural geographic locations.
Questions?

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