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Rural Health Workforce Funding Programs

1. What is RAC and how can it help my WIB?
2. Potential Grant Programs
3. Financial Aid programs, and Loan Repayment programs

What RAC Does...



- Help rural communities and organizations access the full range of available programs, funding, and research
- Provide easy access to information gathered from many sources

RAC Partners



Funded by the HRSA Office of
Rural Health Policy



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Who Uses RAC Services?

*Anyone seeking to maintain and improve
the access, quality, and financial viability
of rural health and human service
delivery systems.*



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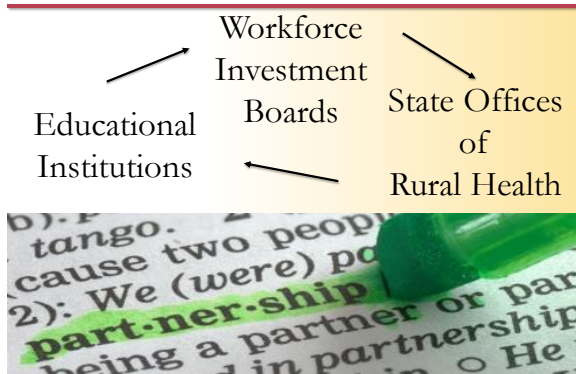
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900+ sources daily:

- Government, foundations
- Statewide, regional, national
- Grants.gov
- Foundation Directory

Partnerships



Successful Partnerships

Vermont

Statewide partnership between SORH, WTB, Area Health Education Center, colleges, Department of Labor, Primary Care Association

Maine

Statewide and regional health workforce efforts include partnerships with WTBs, colleges, State Office of Rural Health

Alaska

SORH worked closely with WTB to assess workforce needs and develop a plan

Nevada

Statewide partnership between the SORH and WTB, includes data analysis on workforce issues

Connecticut:

Community Colleges partner with WTBs in allied health workforce preparedness courses

Is Funding Important?



40% requests
500 new or updated
1200 total
opportunities

Funding Section of RAC

The screenshot shows the RAC Online Library homepage. The 'Online Library' section is highlighted with a red circle around the 'Funding & Opportunities' link. The page includes navigation links like 'Online Library', 'Topics & States', 'Tools for Success', and 'RAC Publications & Updates'. The 'Funding & Opportunities' section lists links for 'What's New', 'By Topic', 'By State', 'By State', 'Search Funding', and 'Funding Tips'. Other sections include 'News', 'Calendar of Events', 'About the Online Library', 'More useful tools', 'Publications', 'Maps', and 'Organizations'.

Ways to Search

The screenshot shows the 'Funding & Opportunities' section of the RAC website. A red arrow points to the 'Browse by Topic' link in the 'Browse by' list. The page includes a 'Funding Tips' section, a 'Funding & Opportunities' section with a summary of funding programs, and a 'More Useful Tools' section. The 'Browse by' list includes links for 'What's New', 'Browse by Topic', 'Browse by State', 'Browse by State', 'Funding Search', and 'Funding Tips'. The 'More Useful Tools' section includes links for 'About Funding & Opportunities', 'Funding Topic Guides', 'Capital Funding', 'Grantwriting', 'Health Education', and 'Financial Aid'.

Ways to Search

Type:

Grants
Loans
Awards
Incentives
Scholarships
Loan
Repayments

Sponsor

Specific organization

State

Specific state

Topic

Specific topic, such as
**Job Training and
Adult Education**

Manual Search

Type in keywords

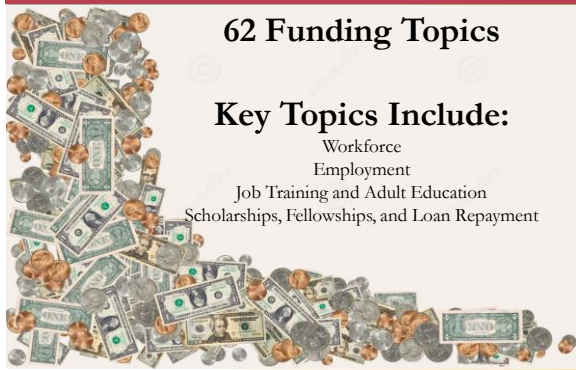


Searching Funding by Topic

62 Funding Topics

Key Topics Include:

Workforce
Employment
Job Training and Adult Education
Scholarships, Fellowships, and Loan Repayment



Funding Topic: Workforce

Health and Human Services Information for Rural America

Online Library > Topics & States > Tools for Success > RAC Publications & Updates > Active and Inactive

Home > Online Library > Funding > Funding by Topic

Funding & Opportunities by Topic: Workforce

Summaries of funding programs are provided by RAC for your convenience. Please contact the office directly for the most complete and current information. You can also browse a list of [inactive funding programs](#).

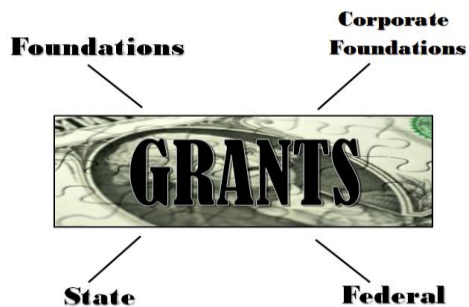
National Programs

2014 Recruitment and Retention Assistance
Helps health professionals find jobs in rural and medically underserved areas.
Geographic Coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis
Sponsor: National Recruitment & Retention Network

American Indian Health Medicine
Funding to provide network and recruitment for the health professions to Indian communities.
Geographic Coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: Jan 15, 2014
Sponsor: Indian Health Services

Arkansas 3-1 Visiting Nurse Program
Offers a 3-1 visit nurse to foreign physicians who commit to serving for three years in an underserved area of Arkansas, allowing them to practice in the United States.
Geographic Coverage: Arkansas
Application Deadline: Sep 15, 2014
Sponsor: Arkansas Department of Health

Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training for Professionals
Assists funding to colleges and universities to support pre-degree internships and field placements for students pursuing careers in certain behavioral health careers. Special consideration will be given to programs that provide information and education dissemination to rural and medically underserved areas.
Geographic Coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: Jan 3, 2014
Sponsor: Bureau of Health Professions



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Types of Funders

Federal Agencies



Office of Rural Health Policy



Office of Rural Health Policy

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program

RFP will be released summer or fall 2014



Rural Health Network Planning Grants

Offered annually. Last open January 2014.

Rural Health Network Development Grants

Offered every 3 years.
Last open December 2013

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program

For programs that expand healthcare delivery through new or enhanced services



Example: Alaska Peri-Operative Nursing Consortium

Working to address the severe nursing workforce shortage in rural areas of Alaska by recruiting and training surgical nurses and placing them in rural health facilities

Rural Health Network Planning and Development Grants



For the planning and development of health-oriented networks that expand access to or improve the quality of healthcare in rural areas.

Example: Michigan Rural EMS Network

Working to address the EMS workforce shortage through recruitment and retention, EMS training, and cost savings programs.

Rural Health Information Technology Workforce Program

Awarded \$4.4 million over 3 years
Grantees were in 15 states
One-time funding program



Rural Health Workforce Development Program



Pilot program
open in 2010

Offered \$4 million

May or may not be
offered again in
the future

USDA Rural Development

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

Offered annually

Supports telemedicine
and distance learning
projects

Example: Plainville Interactive Consortium Academic Network of Northwest Kansas

*Added high-definition video equipment to classrooms to create opportunities
for high school students in the areas of nursing, sports medicine, emergency
medical technology, home health care, and pharmacy*

USDA Rural Development

Delta Health Care Services Grant Program

Grant funds may be used to
finance:

- Development of health
education programs

- Development of health care
training programs

Accepting applications through
June 13, 2014



Foundations

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WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST FOUNDATION
THE HEARST FOUNDATION, INC.

Example:
CLIMB Wyoming

*Trains and places
low-income single mothers in
careers that support their
families and encourage
self-sufficiency, such as
Certified Nursing
Assistants.*

Supports:

- Job training programs
- Adult education programs
- Nursing workforce programs
- Advanced Education Programs

Foundations



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FOUNDATION

Example:
**National League for
Nursing**

*Developing a scalable model
to train and place nurses
with minority backgrounds
in underserved areas of
Mississippi*

Supports:

- Programs that develop pathways to meaningful employment
- Career and entrepreneurship programs
- Programs that foster quality jobs

Corporate Foundations



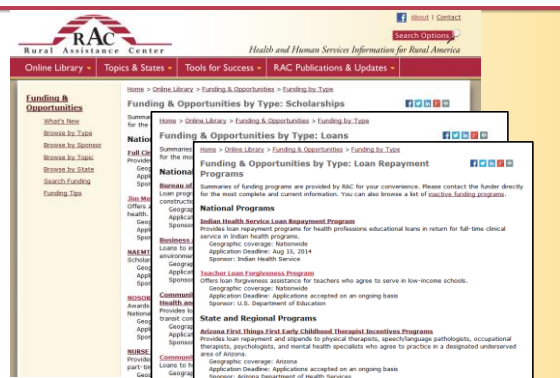
Supports careers
skills or job
training efforts
that lead to
placement



State-Level Funders



Financial Aid and Loan Repayment



State Loan Repayment Programs



Over 90
Loan Repayment Programs
in the RAC database

Helps primary care practitioners pay off
debt, while providing an adequate
workforce supply for rural areas

National Health Service Corps



Scholarships • Loan Repayment

Educational Opportunities



Customized Assistance

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RAC Electronic Updates



Rural Monitor newsletter

Primary Distribution: over 5,400

Health and Human Services Updates

Over 6,100 subscribers



Naomi

RSS Feeds



- Customizable
- Delivered to your inbox
- Instantly updated

Application Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Sid W. Richardson Foundation Grants
 Offers grants to nonprofit organizations that address education, healthcare, human services, and the arts.
 Geographic Coverage: Texas
 Application Deadline: Jan 15, 2014
 Sponsor: Sid W. Richardson Foundation

Southeast Rural Community Assistance Loan Fund Program
 Provides low-interest loans to low-income rural communities for prodevelopment costs, system upgrades and new construction of water and wastewater services and facilities.
 Geographic Coverage: North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and South Carolina.
 Application Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis
 Sponsor: Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project

Tom and Frances Leach Foundation, Inc.
 Supports endeavors to include the arts and humanities, education, human services, medical sciences and health, and the social sciences.
 Geographic Coverage: Giving primarily in ND, particularly in Bismarck and Mandan, and the upper Midwest.
 Application Deadline: Jun 30, 2014

Urgent Repair Program (URP)
 Offers funding for organizations to provide loans to for emergency home repair needs to elderly homeowners and other homeowners with special needs whose household incomes are below 50% of the area median income.
 Geographic Coverage: North Carolina
 Application Deadline: Jan 27, 2014
 Sponsor: North Carolina Housing Finance Agency

Wells Fargo Corporate Citizenship Programs
 Funding for nonprofit organizations in the areas of community development, education, human services, arts and culture, civic responsibility, and environmental consciousness.
 Geographic Coverage: Available in 40 States.
 Application Deadline: Application accepted on an ongoing basis
 Sponsor: Wells Fargo

Information on this page is also available via RSS feed: [RSS Feeds](#)

What People Are Saying...

"I appreciate your help- I could not have done this without RAC!"

"I feel like I've hit the jackpot! Thanks for your assistance!"

"I think you are wonderful. The best ever place to get information for rural America."

Spread the Word

- Link to RAC
- Share RAC resources
- Reprint articles
- Have RAC staff speak
- Order brochures, pens, notepads & lanyards



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Spread the Word

- Downloadable RAC Flyer
- Downloadable Health Information Technology (HIT) Toolkit Flyer
- PowerPoint Slide: RAC Services - Can be used in your presentations to help spread the word about the free services offered through RAC.
- Introduction to RAC (video)
- Press Releases and Articles for Reprintables - Press releases and articles describe various products and services available from the Rural Assistance Center. Can be used without permission in publications such as organizational newsletters.
- Order Promotional Items - To help users become more familiar with our services, RAC has a variety of promotional products available for use within your office or for distribution at local, regional and national meetings and conferences.
- Ideas for Organization RAC Connections - Lists ideas on how you can get involved with RAC while benefiting your organization.



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