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
Who Uses RAC Services?

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

www.raconline.org
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900+ sources daily:
• Government, foundations
• Statewide, regional, national
• Grants.gov
• Foundation Directory

Partnerships

Workforce Investment Boards
Educational Institutions
State Offices of Rural Health

Successful Partnerships

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

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

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

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

Connecticut:
Community Colleges partner with WIBs in allied health workforce preparedness courses
Is Funding Important?

40% requests
500 new or updated
1200 total opportunities

Funding Section of RAC

Ways to Search
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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
Types of Funders

Federal Agencies

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

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

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

Walmart

Supports careers skills or job training efforts that lead to placement
State-Level Funders

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
info@raconline.org  •  1-800-270-1898
RAC Electronic Updates

**Rural Monitor newsletter**
Primary Distribution: over 5,400

**Health and Human Services Updates**
Over 6,100 subscribers

RSS Feeds

- Customizable
- Delivered to your inbox
- Instantly updated
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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