



West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission
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Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences Mini-Grant Program

SUMMARY

The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) Office of the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences is announcing a mini-grant program to support innovative efforts to strengthen community-based health professions education and training in the state. Grants of up to \$20,000 per project will be awarded.

Eligible applicants are Rural Health Education Partnership (RHEP) Lead Agencies, in collaboration with health professions training programs, RHEP field faculty, and/or consortium advisory boards. Applications may be submitted from January 1 through April 1, 2010. Awards will be made as soon as projects are approved.

WHAT WILL THE PROGRAM FUND?

The mini-grant proposal should focus on one of the following areas:

- Exploring ways to provide a continuum of experiences from public school “pipeline” programs through college, medical school, and residency training.
- Developing an initiative pilot that replicates a national model of innovation in training health professionals in rural health care, geriatrics, behavioral health, or perinatal health.
- Developing linkages with health professions loan and scholarship programs to aid in recruitment and retention of rural practitioners.
- Develop innovative training for undergraduate and graduate medical education interdisciplinary teams in rural health care, geriatrics, behavioral health, or perinatal health.
- Exploring new, sustainable practice models for rural primary care providers.
- Using technology to enhance health professional education and training.
- Building skills of Clinical Field Faculty.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The mini-grant funds will be available through an application process. Eligible applicants are the RHEP Lead Agencies, with a current HEPC vendor agreement. If you have any questions about your eligibility to submit a proposal, please contact Gerry Stover, Director of Rural Health Programs, via e-mail to gstover@hepc.wvnet.edu.

WHAT IS THE REVIEW PROCESS?

Proposals will be evaluated by a Review Committee consisting of HEPC and RHEP staff. Members of the mini grant Review Committee will evaluate proposals based on a number of considerations, including compliance with these guidelines, completeness of the proposal, likelihood of achieving the stated goals, inclusion of **clearly stated outcome measures**, and possibilities for replication.

The Review Committee may not immediately decide “yes or no” on a particular proposal, but may ask for clarification on certain aspects of the proposal and offer suggestions for improvement. Typically, many of the questions arising from a proposal review will involve the follow-up to the proposed activity, the need for outcome measures, and the accuracy of the budget.

WHAT ARE THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS?

Organizations that receive HEPC Mini Grants are required to submit a one-page, mid-year report and a final report describing the outcomes of the initiative. One critical aspect of this final report is a section on what lessons were learned by the organization in the process of completing the funded project. We want to build on each project's successes and avoid its pitfalls.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

A Mini-Grant Cover Sheet, application form and Appendix A (Where to Find Models of Innovation) are attached. If relevant to your project, please provide a list of educational and training objectives of health profession students signed by a Clinical Field Faculty of that health profession. Mini-grant awards will be handled as a change order to your current RHEP grant. For budgeting purposes, please follow the guidelines and format outlined in RHEP Policy 2008-01.

SUBMISSION AND NOTIFICATION

- Applicants will be notified that their proposals were received.
- Applicants of funded proposals will receive a notice of grant award.

Applications should be e-mailed to: Gerry Stover at gstover@hepc.wvnet.edu

In addition, one signed hard copy should be mailed to:

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**Higher Education Policy Commission
Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
Mini Grant Cover Sheet**

Lead Agency (Grantee):	
Responsible (Lead Agency) Official:	
Contact for Project and Title:	
Mailing Address:	
E-mail Address:	
Telephone Number:	Fax Number:
FEIN:	
State Vendor No.	
Project Name:	
Project Description:	
Clinical Field Faculty Representative(s):	

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1. Project Description: Briefly describe the project's goals, objectives, and activities, including the target population to be served through the requested grant funds.

2. Outcomes: List the actual impacts or benefits anticipated as a result of this project, and how you will measure progress in reaching these outcomes.

<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Performance Measures</u>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

3. Implementation Plan: List the phases of project implementation and related activities, including the target dates.

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

4. Budget: Use format outlined in RHEP Policy 2008-01.

Note: You may attach additional pages to support your application.

Appendix A (Where to Find Models of Innovation)

West Virginia Perinatal Partnership:

In addition to their perinatal initiative (slides were previously sent out) they are working on: Promoting CNM program; Focus drug addiction solutions; Promote statewide breastfeeding alliance; Address unplanned pregnancy; Focus on tobacco abuse; Decrease elective inductions and c-sections; study VBAC; and, Promote oral health.

Additional information at: <http://www.wvperinatal.org>

Training Residents in Community Health Centers

Training family medicine residents in underserved settings, such as community health centers (CHCs), may provide a solution to the primary care workforce shortage.

Additional Information at: <http://www.nwrpca.org/education-health-center-initiative.html>

The Safety Net Medical Home Initiative

The Initiative calls for partnerships between safety net providers and community stakeholders to work together towards a new model of primary care delivery that is recognized and rewarded for its holistic approach to patient care.

Additional information at: <http://www.qhmedicalhome.org/safety-net/about.cfm>

Colorado Family Medicine Residency PCMH Project

An initiative to transform family medicine programs into Patient Centered Medical Homes.

Additional information at: <http://www.coloradoguidelines.org/pcmh/residency.asp>

Project IMPACT

Improve Mood-Promoting Access to Collaborative Treatment (IMPACT) is a team model for late-life depression treatment in primary care.

Additional information at: <http://www.jhartfound.org/program/impact.htm>

Browse through these grant recipients for ideas:

Commonwealth Funds at: <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Grants-and-Programs/Browse-Grants.aspx>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation at: <http://www.rwjf.org/pioneer/grantlist.jsp>

GrantMakersInHealth Bullentins at: http://www.gih.org/info-url_nocat5037/info-url_nocat.htm