The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act amends Title XXX of the Public Health Service Act by adding a number of funding opportunities to advance health information technology. As funding opportunities were awarded the relevant programmatic information was made available on the HITECH Program section of this site.

Open Funding Opportunities

U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration

Notice of Availability of Funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications for Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grants Program

Currently, there are no funding opportunities available at ONC. Please also visit www.grants.gov for federal grants.

Closed Funding Opportunities (Awarded)

Learn about the HITECH Programs resulting from these funding opportunities

- **Health Center Beacon Award Recipients**
  - **Objective:** These grants provide funds to 85 community health center programs located in 15 of the 17 Beacon Communities. Provided through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the program supports health centers with the adoption of health information technology to provide for long-term improvements in quality of care, health outcomes and cost efficiencies.

- **Health Information Technology Extension Program (Specific Regions)**
  - **Objective:** This program provides grants for the establishment of Health Information Technology Regional Extension Centers that will offer customized technical assistance, guidance and information on best practices to support and accelerate health care providers’ efforts to become meaningful users of Electronic Health Records (EHRs).

  Awards made:
  - February 2010: $375 million awarded to establish 32 RECs.
  - April 2010: $267 million awarded to establish an additional 28 RECs.
  - September 10, 2010: nearly $20 million in additional funding awarded to critical access and rural hospitals in their efforts to adopt certified EHR technology.
  - September 28, 2010: additional funding awarded to...
establish two new RECs and expand coverage areas with two existing Florida RECs, achieving the goal of 100% coverage of providers across the United States.

- January 27, 2011: additional funding awarded in the amount of $32 million to accelerate outreach to health care providers to encourage registration for the EHR Incentive Program and to provide continued support in the field.
- February 8, 2011: $12 million in supplemental funding awarded to existing RECs to support eligible critical access and rural hospitals in their efforts to adopt certified EHR technology.

- Beacon Community Cooperative Agreement Program (2 additional Beacon Communities)
  - **Objective:** This program will provide funding to communities to build and strengthen their health information technology (health IT) infrastructure and exchange capabilities to demonstrate the vision of meaningful health IT.

- State Health Information Exchange Cooperative Agreement Program
  - **Objective:** These grant programs will support states and/or State Designated Entities (SDEs) in establishing health information exchange (HIE) capacity among health care providers and hospitals in their jurisdictions. Such efforts at the state level will establish and implement appropriate governance, policies, and network services within the broader national framework to rapidly build capacity for connectivity between and among health care providers. State programs to promote HIE will help to realize the full potential of EHRs to improve the coordination, efficiency, and quality of care.
  - **Supplemental Funding** for the Health Information Exchange Challenge Grant Program: A grant program to encourage breakthrough innovations for health information exchange that can be leveraged widely to support nationwide health information exchange and interoperability.

- Health Information Technology Extension Program (Rounds 1 and 2)
  - **Objective:** This program provides grants for the establishment of Health Information Technology Regional Extension Centers that will offer technical assistance, guidance and information on best practices to support and accelerate health care providers’ efforts to become meaningful users of Electronic Health Records (EHRs).

- Curriculum Development Centers
  - **Objective:** This funding opportunity, one component of the Health IT Workforce Program, will provide $10 million in grants to institutions of higher education (or consortia thereof) to support health information technology (health IT) curriculum development.

- Community College Consortia to Educate Health Information Technology Professionals
  - **Objective:** This program, one component of the Health IT Workforce Program, seeks to rapidly create health IT education and training programs at Community Colleges or expand existing programs. Community Colleges funded under this initiative will establish intensive, non-degree training programs that can be completed in six months or less.

- Program of Assistance for University-Based Training
  - **Objective:** The purpose of this program, one component
of the Health IT Workforce Program, is to rapidly increase the availability of individuals qualified to serve in specific health information technology professional roles requiring university-level training.

- **Competency Examination for Individuals Completing Non-Degree Training**
  - **Objective:** This funding opportunity, one component of the Health IT Workforce Program, will provide $6 million in grants to an institution of higher education (or consortia thereof) to support the development and initial administration of a set of health IT competency examinations.

- **Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Projects (SHARP) Program**
  - **Objective:** The purpose of these awards is to fund research focused on achieving breakthrough advances to address well-documented problems that have impeded adoption: 1) Security of Health Information Technology; 2) Patient-Centered Cognitive Support; 3) Healthcare Application and Network Platform Architectures; and, 4) Secondary Use of EHR Data.