



State HIE Cooperative Agreements ARRA (HITECH Act Section 3013)

State HIE Grant Guidance

- One cooperative agreement per state; 4 year program
- Nationwide program funding= \$564 Million
 - Predetermined amount for each state based on formula (Min \$4M/Max\$40M)
 - States draw down money based on milestones
- IDPH will be the applicant
 - Letter of Intent due September 11
 - Full application due October 16

Five Domains

- Governance (maintain multi-stakeholder process to create trust and consensus)
- Finance (identify public and private financing for building HIE capacity and sustainability)
- Technical Infrastructure (technical aspects and services for the HIE)
- Business and Technical Operations (procurement, project management)
- Legal/Policy (policy frameworks, data sharing agreements, privacy and security)

Key Information to Convey (Letter of Intent and Application)

- Participating stakeholders
- Progress in each domain
- Cost estimates for each domain (over 4 years)
- Ways of leveraging existing regional health IT efforts
- Best interest of the public
- Status of our current state-wide planning efforts
- Strategy for implementing operational plan
- Required performance measures and reporting
- Project management and evaluation
- Organizational capability

Funding Guidance

- Formulary amount of funding from ONC (*After the Letter of Intent is submitted, we will receive notice from ONC on the total amount of funding available for Iowa*)
 - Base – \$4 Million
 - Equity adjustments – account for differences in health care delivery environment.
 - Number of primary care providers
 - Number of short-term acute care hospitals
 - State population size
 - Indicators of rural/underserved areas
 - Needs based adjustments – low level of historic investment in HIE indicates a higher need for funding
- Match Requirements

Fiscal Year of Funding	Match Required
2010	None
2011 (begins Oct. 1, 2010)	\$1 for each \$10 federal dollars
2012 (begins Oct. 1, 2011)	\$1 for each \$7 federal dollars
2013 (begins Oct 1., 2012)	\$1 for each \$3 federal dollars



Required State Plan (Strategic and Operational Plans)

- To release implementation funding, states must submit a compliant strategic plan and operational plan
- Status in Iowa: Existing Strategic Plan and/or Operational Plan that is not consistent with planning guidance:
 - “States that submit applications with only Strategic Plans will be eligible for award and funding for Strategic and Operational Planning Activities.”
- Gaps in our current plan (approximately 3-6 months to reach compliance)
 - A Medicaid chapter describing their goals and coordination of efforts
 - A more fully formed governance/legal structure (e.g., determination that effort will be state-led, public utility or nonprofit entity)
 - Priorities for clinical data exchange and the basic architecture of the exchanges (i.e., where data will be housed, how data will be transmitted, and who will participate); need to ensure “meaningful use” is enabled for all timeframes (2011 – 2015 requirements)
 - Evaluation plan with metrics (must budget 2% for evaluation activities)
 - Coordination with other ARRA programs (i.e., regional extension centers, workforce development, and broadband)

Roles of the State Government

(Sources: Page 8 of Grant Guidance and NGA report, “Preparing to Implement HITECH”)

- Develop a plan for HIE implantation and facilitate implementation of the HIE plan (strategic and operational plans)
- Remove barriers and create enablers for HIE
- Convene stakeholders to ensure trust and support
- Ensure effective model for governance and accountability
 - State is responsible for ensuring the HIE is operational (i.e., treat the HIE like a public utility)
- Coordinate with Medicaid to enable meaningful use
 - Medicaid will interpret who is eligible for enhanced payments and reimbursements and distribute “meaningful use” payments to eligible providers
- Develop and facilitate public policy for privacy and security requirements (within and across state borders)
 - Ensure privacy and security of data within the HIE regardless of who is operating the system (i.e., a vendor IT contract).
 - May need to perform audits, generate reports, etc. to demonstrate watchfulness and prosecution of HIPAA breaches
- Develop state level directories and enable technical services for HIE within and across states

Immediate Needs for Grant Application

- Determine cost estimates for the next 4 years (September 3, 2009)
- Submit letter of intent to ONC (Due September 11, 2009)
- Collect letters of commitment (October 1, 2009)
- Submit grant application (Due October 16, 2009; Award Notice 12/15/09; Project Start 1/15/10)

Other High-Priority Activities

- Provider Assessment
- Development of a Medicaid Chapter
- Integration of other ARRA funding streams