



RD NEWS FLASH

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Committed to the future of rural communities.

VERMONT/NEW HAMPSHIRE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM

Are Your Health Care Facilities in Great Shape?

Rates are low. It's a good time to start your capital project!

Have you met your "Meaningful Use" target for Health Information Technology?

HHS Incentives will be ending soon and Medicare payments will be reduced for health care providers who have not met the HHS deadline. Time is short - let us help!

***We have low, fixed rate, affordable loans. Our rate is at or near 3.375%.
Depending on your project, loan terms are 3 - 30 years. Grants are limited.***

Health Care Projects are a priority for USDA Rural Development!



Chelsea Health Center Inc.
New Building, Direct Loan: \$825,000.

The Community Facilities Program serves both non-profits and public bodies.

Over the last several years we have funded projects for various health care providers:

- ◆ Family Health Care Clinics
- ◆ Public Health Nursing Associations
- ◆ Home Health Care Organizations

- ◆ Critical Access Hospitals, Rural Hospitals and Associated Health Care Partners
- ◆ Emergency Service Providers
- ◆ Behavioral Health and Mental Health Care
- ◆ Dental Health Clinics
- ◆ Assisted Living Facilities, Dementia and Memory Care, Nursing Homes
- ◆ Federally Qualified Health Centers

RD helps health care providers fund numerous types of projects:

- ◆ Purchase Health Information Technology (HIT), electronic medical records, billing systems, computers (software and hardware), office furnishings and other equipment
- ◆ Purchase various medical and dental equipment for use in clinics, hospitals and doctor's offices
- ◆ Purchase or construct a new health care facility
- ◆ Renovate and upgrade existing buildings: modernization, ADA accessibility, fire safety, building repairs such as roofs, drainage issues, foundations, electrical and plumbing
- ◆ Upgrade energy efficiency in health care facilities: new windows, insulation, heating systems
- ◆ Purchase vans to transport patients to appointments

Breaking News!!

Rural Development is pleased to announce that we are working with Health and Human Services to help rural health care providers meet the 2014 goal of "meaningful use" for HIT.

If you are interested in learning more about this initiative, go to:

http://www.healthit.hhs.gov/portal/server.pt/community/healthit_hhs_gov_home/1204

For information about HHS Regional Extension Centers (RECs) and how RECs can help you identify what steps your organization needs to take to reach meaningful use:

www.HealthIT.hhs.gov/programs/REC/

And, if you need funds to purchase HIT or any other improvements to your health care facility contact us at Rural Development.

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DETAILED PROGRAM INFORMATION http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html

LIST OF GRANT ELIGIBLE NH and VT TOWNS and Application Packages

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/NHVTCommunity.html>