Grant Title: DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE GRANT PROGRAM

Funding Opportunity Number: CFDA Number(s): 10.855.

Agency/Department: Department of Agriculture (USDA), Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

Area of Research: Provide access to education, training and health care resources for people in rural America.


Application Deadline: April 25, 2011.

Amount: Awards can range from $50,000 to $500,000.

Length of Support: Not listed.

Eligible Applicants: Only entities legally organized as one of the following are eligible for DLT financial assistance: a) an incorporated organization or partnership; b) an Indian Tribe or Tribal organization, as defined in 25 USC 450b (b) and (c); c) a State or local unit of government; d) a consortium, as defined in 7 CFR 1703.102; or e) Other legal entity, including a private corporation organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis.

Summary: Distance learning and telemedicine grants are specifically designed to provide access to education, training and health care resources for people in rural America. The Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Program provides financial assistance to encourage and improve telemedicine services and distance learning services in rural areas through the use of telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies to be used by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. The grants, which are awarded through a competitive process, may be used to fund telecommunications enabled information, audio and video equipment and related advanced technologies which extend educational and medical applications into rural locations. Grants are made for projects where the benefit is primarily delivered to end users that are not at the same location as the source of the education or health care service.

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