

Grant Funding Opportunities in the three areas of telehealth program development

Broadband

The Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) is an excellent broadband subsidy program to upgrade and/or build redundancy to your broadband infrastructure. It offers a 65% subsidy for monthly recurring charges and for certain qualifying non-recurring charges for broadband services.

Depending on the location of your organization, your state broadband agency may provide grants for broadband capacity upgrades, especially in rural areas.

Telehealth Infrastructure & End-user Technology

[USDA Distance Learning & Telemedicine \(DLT\) Grant](#) is an annual funding opportunity for telehealth infrastructure and end-user technology systems and platforms. There is a minimum 15% match required from the applicant. There is also an objective scoring of the grant proposals based on rurality, needs, and cost-effectiveness of the proposal.

The second round of the FCC Telemedicine Grant, because of the COVID-19 stimulus funding, is a one-time funding opportunity to be announced soon.

Depending on the location of your organization, your state department of health, and other agencies for telehealth technology implementation, may provide grants, especially in rural areas.

Telehealth Clinical & Educational Program Development

The key difference with grants for Telehealth Clinical & Educational Program Development is that these grants provide funding for program development with line items for personnel, data collection and analysis, training, marketing, and travel. These line items are not allowed in the FCC and USDA funding opportunities for broadband and telehealth equipment.

There are multiple grant funding streams provided by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) within the US Department of Health and Human Services. Some of these grant funding opportunities are available on a periodic basis and can provide funding each year over a 2 to 4 year period, depending on the type of grant.

