



Provider Network Services

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Dear Primary Care Provider:

\$75K Available - Rural Health Collaborative Pilot Grants

The UMN Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) is pleased to announce an important 2010 Funding Opportunity for a new Community University Research Collaborative pilot funding program.

The Rural Health Collaborative funding program is offered through the CTSI Office of Community Engagement for Health in partnership with its Rural Health Collaborative. The intent of this funding program is to support research and evaluation studies that solve problems in translating clinical and health-related scientific knowledge into meaningful changes in practice, with the goals of improved health outcomes and/or reduced costs. Pilot project funding is intended to stimulate outstanding new pilot research and evaluation studies that lead to further funding. This particular RFA is intended to support research projects that 1) involve strong community-university collaborations and 2) address important rural health issues through innovative pilot research and evaluation projects.

The goal of CTSI is to create an environment that transforms research into a continuum from investigation through discovery to translation into real-life community practice, thereby linking the most basic research to practical improvements in human health. The CTSI is comprised of six UMN schools in the Academic Health Center—Medicine, Public Health, Nursing, Dentistry, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine).

A Letter of Intent is due on Monday, April 12, 2010.

The full application is due on Monday, May 31, 2010.

There will be an optional technical assistance webinar on Thursday, April 1, 2010 from 2:30-4:00pm (CST) where members of the CTSI staff will be available to provide an overview of application and project support services available and answer any questions. Please email Andrea Leinberger-Jabari at lein0072@umn.edu to register.

All awards will be announced in late June 2010.

Eligibility and criteria are contained in the attached RFA. This information and any updates also can be found at: www.ctsi.umn.edu.

Thank you,

South Country Health Alliance
Provider Network Management