



# GRANT LINE

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## Grant Line Goes Electronic; TORCH Foundation Launches “The ASK”

Grant Line is the Foundation’s newsletter containing information, resources and alerts on current funding opportunities. Grant Line is now electronic and can be accessed by our members on the Foundation website (under the Grant Resource tab). In addition, we are pleased to announce a new addition to our online grant resource page—The ASK, an online blog for grant writing tips, training resources, prospecting and funding research. Learn what’s happening in the world of rural health funding here. Be sure to check it out.

All information can be found in the online version, available at: [http://foundation.torchnet.org/welcome\\_to\\_grant\\_line.php](http://foundation.torchnet.org/welcome_to_grant_line.php) (for Grant Line)

<http://grantline.torchnet.org> (for The ASK)

## New Grant-funded Texas Patient Safety Organization (TXPSO) Program

The TORCH Foundation received a grant from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA) to support the Texas Patient Safety Organization (TXPSO) program for rural and community hospitals in Texas. The purpose of the TXPSO program is to help hospitals and healthcare providers to voluntarily submit and analyze information about incidences in which patients were adversely affected in order to mitigate future adverse events.

The Patient Safety Act of 2005 established strong Federal confidentiality and privilege protections for information to create a secure environment where clinicians and healthcare organizations can report and analyze patient safety data. The TXPSO program provides many significant benefits, including:

- **Strong Federal confidentiality and privilege protections** so that healthcare organizations and clinicians can report, aggregate and analyze patient safety events, medical errors and quality information without fear of legal discovery or additional liability;

- **Facility-specific and aggregated analysis** of submitted incident reports for comparison and benchmarking to help hospitals learn from the experiences of others (all reported data is de-identified and strictly confidential and protected);
- **Online access to comparative data and reports** to help improve processes and develop best practices;
- **Meaningful aggregation and analysis of data using Common Formats** to collect, track and submit standardized information regarding a range of patient safety events, including incidents, near misses and unsafe conditions for comparative and longitudinal analysis of similar cases among similar providers. Common Formats optimize the opportunity to compare trends and identify patterns underlying the causes of patient safety problems; and
- **Grant funding** to strengthen a culture of patient safety and risk management without incurring significant out-of-pocket cost.

*Grant funding is available to all rural and community hospitals under 50 licensed beds to access the TXPSO services at no cost (except for a one-time setup fee of \$500). See below for the annual participation fees. Email [quang.ngo@torchnet.org](mailto:quang.ngo@torchnet.org) to learn how you can benefit from this program.*

### Annual Participation Fees

Facilities with...	Annual Fee	One-time Setup Fee
<50 beds*	\$0 (grant funded)	\$500
50-100 beds	\$2,500	\$1,000
101-150 beds	\$3,500	\$1,500
>150 beds	\$5,000	\$2,000

\*Licensed beds

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### GRANT WRITING TIPS

- Advanced and coordinated planning of all people/partners involved and the information to be gathered and presented is crucial for successful proposals.
- Be reasonable in your funding request for funding and make sure your goals/objectives are achievable and sustainable.
- Distinguish your application by articulating a compelling case and make your story personal, persuasive and meaningful.
- Pay attention to details and clearly understand the grant-maker’s guidelines, instructions and requirements...and follow directions!

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## Current Funding Opportunities

### DOL – Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=53319>

Funding: \$300,000 for a two-year project

Deadline: 4/29

Purpose: Assisting employers and labor management organizations in the placement and retention of women in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations (positions involved in HIT and EHR constitute a qualifying field)  
Contact: Mamie Williams, Grants Management Specialist (202-693-3341 / [Williams.mamie@dol.gov](mailto:Williams.mamie@dol.gov))

### HRSA/OHRP – Rural Health Workforce Development Program

<https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/SFO.asp?ID=2E9E60E9-25CD-42C4-84C4-84F4059AE063>

Funding: \$600,000 (\$200,000 maximum per year for a three-year project). Deadline: 4/30

Purpose: To support established and sustainable rural health networks that can develop innovative, community-based educational and clinical health training programs, encouraging the recruitment and retention of emerging health professionals (students and residents) in rural communities

Contact: Christina Villalobos, Program Coordinator (301-443-3590 / [cvillalobos@hrsa.gov](mailto:cvillalobos@hrsa.gov))

### American Nursing Foundation – 2010 Nursing Research Grants

<http://www.anfonline.org/HomeCategory/NewsAnnouncements/2010-Grant.aspx>

Funding: Multiple award categories ranging from \$3000-\$28,000. Deadline: 5/3

Purpose: Support for scientific research advancing the practice of nursing, promoting health and preventing disease

Contact: ANF grant line (301-628-5229 / [anfng@ana.org](mailto:anfng@ana.org))

### USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=53150>

Funding: \$1.5 million funding over three years (with a cap of \$500,000 per year)

Deadline: 5/18 (for grant and grant/loan combo applications; see guidelines for loan-only applications)

Purpose: Support for distance learning equipment that connects students and teachers (or medical professionals and patients) at remote sites, and acquisition of instructional programming and technical assistance related to using such equipment

Contact: USDA grant line (202-720-0413 / [dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:dltinfo@wdc.usda.gov))

### AHRQ/NIH – Utilizing Health Information Technology to Improve Health Care Quality

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/pa-08-270.html>

Funding: \$1.2 million over three years (with a cap of \$500,000 for any single year)

Deadline: 5/25

Purpose: Support for health information technology demonstration projects that evaluate factors associated with successful implementation/utilization of HIT; focus on medication management, health care decision-making, patient-centered care, and transitions between care settings

Contact: Angela Lavanderos (301-427-1505 / [Angela.Lavanderos@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:Angela.Lavanderos@ahrq.hhs.gov))

### TDRA/SORH – Medically Underserved Community State Matching Incentive Program

[http://www.tdra.state.tx.us/pdfs/muc\\_application\\_2010.pdf](http://www.tdra.state.tx.us/pdfs/muc_application_2010.pdf)

Funding: \$25,000 (min. \$15k match required)

Deadline: 5/31

Purpose: To provide match (reimbursement) funds that will help cover the cost of establishing rural primary care practice sites, thereby enhancing the physician recruitment/retention capability of underserved communities in Texas

Contact: TDRA (512-936-6701 / [tdra@tdra.state.tx.us](mailto:tdra@tdra.state.tx.us))

### DSHS – Physician Education Loan Repayment Program

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chpr/PELRP.shtm>

Funding: Up to \$160,000 (varies by applicant and consecutive years of service)

Deadline: 6/15 (extended from 4/1)

Purpose: To provide loan repayment funds for physicians who agree to practice in a Health Professional Shortage Area, and provide health care services to recipients enrolled in Medicaid, and the Texas CHIP.

Contact: Texas Primary Care Office (512-458-7518 / [TexasPCO@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:TexasPCO@dshs.state.tx.us))

## Texas Health Information Technology Regional Extension Centers (REC) Awardees

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently announced the awardees of the 2nd round of the Regional Extension Center (REC) funding, and among them are four Texas recipients:

- The TAMUS Health Science Center Research Foundation. College Station, TX, awarded \$5,279,970

- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Lubbock, TX, awarded \$6,666,296
- Dallas- Fort Worth Hospital Council Education and Research Foundation, Irving, TX, awarded \$8,488,513
- University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX, awarded \$15,274,327

The REC funding should go a long way to provide the much needed technical assistance and resources to assist clinics and small physician practices to implement and become meaningful users of EHRs.

TORCH and the TORCH Foundation provided support to these applications that reflected the consortiums' mutual understanding and agreement that we are uniquely positioned to assist these efforts, and that we will have a defined, significant and appropriate role in the planning, coordination and implementation of activities to assist primary care providers, clinics and practices in rural Texas reach meaningful use of a certified EHR. Congratulations to all!

## USEFUL RESOURCES FOR GRANT WRITING

- Center for Health Statistics – the portal for comprehensive health data in Texas: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/default.shtm>
- Texas State Data Center and the Office of the State Demographer <http://txsdc.utsa.edu/>
- Shortage designations – HPSA, MUA/MUP <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/>
- SOCRATES County Narrative Profiles <http://socrates.cdr.state.tx.us/>
- Rural Assistance Center's Maps <http://www.raonline.org/maps/>
- DUNS Number Q&A [http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/pdf\\_files/duns\\_aa.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/pdf_files/duns_aa.pdf)
- DSHS Grant Finding Resources <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/fic/grants.shtm>

## Upcoming Grant Workshops and Training Opportunities

### Federal Grants: Yes! You Can! (webinar)

<http://www.tano.org/en/cev/926>

April 21, 2010 / 2-3:30pm

Hosted by the Texas Association of Nonprofit Organizations

FREE to members / \$10 non-members

Contact Mary Beth Harrington at (972) 839-

9960 or [mbharrington@tano.org](mailto:mbharrington@tano.org)

### Introduction to Finding Funders (webinar)

[http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/webinars/fdo\\_webinar.html](http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/webinars/fdo_webinar.html)

April 27, 2010 / 3-4pm

Hosted by Foundation Center Online - FREE

Register at URL above or contact FC Customer Service at (800) 424-9836 or

[customerservice@foundationcenter.org](mailto:customerservice@foundationcenter.org)

### Grant Writing USA: Grant Writing Class (2-day intensive)

<http://grantwritingusa.com/grants-training/grant-writing-workshops/latx0410.html>

April 29-30, 2010 / 9am-4pm

Hosted by Texas A&M International

University, Laredo

\$425 per person

Contact Cathy Rittenhouse, GWUSA Registrar,

(217) 935-5886 or [cathy@grantwritingusa.com](mailto:cathy@grantwritingusa.com)

### Grantsmanship Center: Essential Grant Skills (2-day intensive)

<http://www.tgci.com/egs.shtml>

May 13-14, 2010

Hosted by Dallas Public Library

\$445 per person

Contact the GC registrar for further information at (800) 421-9512 or [Registrar@tgci.com](mailto:Registrar@tgci.com)

Online registration:

<https://www.tgci.com/egsregister.asp?city=Dallas&state=TX&date=05/13/2010&monthId=598>

### Grantsmanship Center: Research Proposal Workshop (3-day intensive)

<http://www.tgci.com/rpw.shtml>

May 19-21, 2010

Hosted by University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson

\$1095 per person (early registration)

Contact the GC registrar for further information at (800) 421-9512 or [Registrar@tgci.com](mailto:Registrar@tgci.com)

Online registration:

<https://www.tgci.com/rpwregister.asp>

### Proposal Budgeting Basics (webinar)

[http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/webinars/pbb\\_webinar.html](http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/webinars/pbb_webinar.html)

May 26, 2010 / 4-5pm

Hosted by Foundation Center Online - FREE

Register at URL above or contact FC Customer

Service at (800) 424-9836 or

[customerservice@foundationcenter.org](mailto:customerservice@foundationcenter.org)

### Introduction to Corporate Giving (webinar)

[http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/webinars/icg\\_webinar.html](http://foundationcenter.org/getstarted/training/webinars/icg_webinar.html)

June 2, 2010 / 4-5pm

Hosted by Foundation Center Online - FREE

Register at URL above or contact FC Customer Service at (800) 424-9836 or

[customerservice@foundationcenter.org](mailto:customerservice@foundationcenter.org)

### Grant Writing USA: Grant Writing Class (2-day intensive)

<http://grantwritingusa.com/grants-training/grant-writing-workshops/fort-worth-texas-june-2010.html>

June 7-8, 2010 / 9am-4pm

Hosted by Tarrant County Criminal Justice

Training Center, Fort Worth

\$425 per person

Contact Cathy Rittenhouse, GWUSA Registrar,

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## Useful Resources

Making the case for funding often requires collecting and presenting information from diverse sources. The following sites offer access to the kinds of data, research, reports and analysis that can help strengthen your grant application or proposal.

FedStats

<http://www.fedstats.gov>

National Center for Health Statistics (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs>

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov>

Federal Poverty Guidelines and Research

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/POVERTY>

National Institutes of Health News Releases

<http://www.nih.gov/news/feed.xml>

State Health Facts (compiled by the Kaiser Family Foundation)

<http://www.statehealthfacts.org>

U.S. Department of Agriculture State Fact Sheets (include local poverty & income data)

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/StateFacts>

Texas DSHS Center for Health Statistics

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic>

Texas Association of Counties

<http://www.county.org/resources/countydata/toolutl.asp>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

<http://www.rwjf.org/pr>

Children's Defense Fund - Research Data and Publications

<http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications>

Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured

<http://www.kff.org/about/kcmu.cfm>

Georgetown University Health Policy Institute

<http://hpi.georgetown.edu>

Grants.gov Grant Email Alerts

[http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email\\_subscription.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/applicants/email_subscription.jsp)

Department of State Health Services – Grant Finding Resources (for State, Federal, Private and other opportunities)

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/fic/fgrants.shtm>

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### **Upcoming Events: *Schedule- at-a-Glance***

**Texas Critical Access Hospital Conference & Tradeshow** – June 30-July 1, 2010 at the Sheraton Hotel in Austin, TX. This event is hosted jointly by the TORCH Foundation and the Texas Department of Rural Affairs exclusively for Texas CAHs.

**Northwest Texas Hospital Association Annual Convention (NWTHA)** – July 14-16, 2010 at the MCM Elegante Suits in Abilene, TX

**Texas Association of Rural Health Clinics (TARHC) Annual Conference** – August 10-12, 2010 at the Omni Hotel in Austin, TX

**TORCH Leadership & Management Institute (TLMI) Annual Conference & Retreat** – September 8-9, 2010 at the Horseshoe Bay Resort outside of Austin, TX

**Rural Hospital Information Technology Conference (HITCON) & Tradeshow** – October 20-21, 2010 at the Westin at the Domain in Austin, TX. This is the leading conference and networking event on rural health IT.

**Save the dates and watch for program details coming soon!**