

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Program/Funding Summary**

Short title: States Grants for Health Information Technology

ARRA Reference: Division A Title VIII DHHS and Title XXX HIT Section 3013 and 3014

Funding by federal fiscal year:

Year	Total Florida State Budget Amount	Amounts to Local Governments Passed Through State Agencies	Amounts to Directly to Local Governments	Amounts Directly to Individuals
FFY 2009	Unknown at this time	Unknown at this time	None	None
FFY 2010	“	“	None	None
FFY 2011	“	“	None	None
Later Years	“	“	None	None
Total	“	“	None	None

Funding by state fiscal year:

SFY 2008 – 2009	Unknown at this time	Unknown at this time	None	None
SFY 2009 – 2010	“	“	None	None
SFY 2011 – 2012	“	“	None	None
Later Years	“	“	None	None
Total	“	“	None	None

Brief description of program or funding including funding distribution method (formula or competitive grant): Grants to States or state designated entities for support of health information exchange development activities, and optionally, competitive grants to States for loan programs to facilitate electronic health record adoption. Use of grant funds for health information exchange activities include:

- (1) Enhancing broad and varied participation in the authorized and secure nationwide electronic use and exchange of health information;
- (2) Identifying State of local resources available towards a nationwide effort to promote health information technology;
- (3) Complementing other Federal grants, programs, and efforts towards the promotion of health information technology;
- (4) Providing technical assistance for the development and dissemination of solutions to barriers to the exchange of electronic health information;
- (5) Promoting effective strategies to adopt and utilize health information technology in medically underserved communities;
- (6) Assisting patients in utilizing health information technology;
- (7) Encouraging clinicians to work with Health Information Technology Regional Extension Centers established by the Act to the extent they are available and valuable;
- (8) Supporting public health agencies' authorized use and access to electronic health information;
- (9) Promoting the use of electronic health records for quality improvement including through quality measures reporting; and
- (10) Such other activities as the Secretary may specify.

When funds are expected to be available: 2009 or 2010

How long are funds available: Through 2013 or until available Federal funds expended.

Conditions or prerequisites for accessing funds (include matching or MOE requirements):

State grants

State will submit an application for a planning grant and for an implementation grant, a plan that describes the activities to be carried out by the State or state designated entity to facilitate the electronic movement and use of health information among organizations according to nationally recognized standards and implementation specifications. The State must consult with stakeholders and consider their recommendations in preparing grant applications and plans.

There is no required State match prior to 2011; a \$1 match for each \$10 of Federal funds is required in federal FY 2011; a \$1 match for each \$7 in Federal funds is required in FY 2012 and a \$1 match for each \$3 in Federal funds is required for FY 2013. Matching can be in the form of in-kind contributions. Use of funds requires budget authority.

Competitive grants to States for loans to health care providers

Competitive grants for loans may be made available. State must submit an application, a strategic plan for use of the funds including a list of project to be assisted and criteria for distribution of funds, and assurances that the State has established a Loan Fund for the specified purposes related to the utilization of certified electronic health record technology. A cash match of \$1 for each \$5 of Federal funds is required. Use of funds requires budget authority.

Federal agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

State agency: Agency for Health Care Administration

If there is a link to a federal web site that describes the program or funding include here:

<http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/onc/contactus/>

If there is a link to a state web site that describes the program or funding, include here:

<http://www.fhin.net/>

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