

## NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

**NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:**

Health Information Exchange Grants

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

H.R. 1 "American Recovery and Reinvestment and Act"

**TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:**

Letter of Agreement

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**PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:**

To facilitate and expand the electronic movement and use of health information among organizations in New Jersey according to nationally recognized standards and in a manner consistent with the objectives of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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**FUNDING AVAILABLE IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:**

Awards will be made to states from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT. State grants will be formula-based, from between \$4 million to \$40 million over four years. Funding awards from the State to proposed HIE projects will reflect the highly competitive nature of the program, and be subject to strict State and federal reporting requirements. The State will submit an application, including Health Information Exchange Grant proposals solicited through this RFA process, on or before Oct. 16, 2009. Awards to States will be announced on or about Dec. 15, 2009; funding to States will be distributed starting on Jan. 15, 2010; funding will be subsequently allocated to sub-grantees within the State that will have been selected through the RFA process. State matching funds are required, and the State of New Jersey is requiring each project to make a 50-percent contribution, in-kind or in cash, toward the 1-10 State match for at least the first year of required matching, from Oct. 2010-Oct. 2011; thus, the project match for that year will be 1-20.

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**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants
  2. Grant Compliance requirements as issued by the State of New Jersey Office of Management and Budget
  3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant
  4. Requirements of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act as detailed by the federal Office of Management and Budget, available at: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda\\_fy2009/m09-21.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/memoranda_fy2009/m09-21.pdf)
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**GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:**

New Jersey organizations or governmental agencies that either provide health care, yield or store health-care information, or administer public-health services and that compile and store data electronically.

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**QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:**

The organization or agency must be capable of exchanging health information, or be in the process of implementing systems that have the ability to exchange health information, between facilities according to nationally recognized standards of privacy and security and for the purposes of improving clinical outcomes and/or public health in New Jersey. Furthermore, proposals must meet 1) the criteria described in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Title XIII, Subtitle C, Section 3013; 2) the guidance issued by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, available at [healthit.hhs.gov/HITECHgrants](http://healthit.hhs.gov/HITECHgrants) and 3) the specific criteria issued by the State of New Jersey, available at <http://www.state.nj.us/recovery/>

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**ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE:**

A conference call on this grant opportunity will be convened on Sept. 11 from 10:30-Noon. Call-in details will be provided on this web site.

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**APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND KEY DEADLINES:**

Complete and submit Application for Grant Funds available at the New Jersey website listed above, and attach a proposal that fulfills the requirements of the Criteria document also available at that web site. Applications must be emailed to the addresses of both of the individuals listed below and be received no later than 5 p.m. on Sept. 25, 2009. Applicants shall be notified on or before Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> if they are considered approved to receive funding as part of New Jersey's application to the federal government; the level of funding is dependant upon the federal award to the State announced Dec. 15.

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