

**Louisiana Significant Contribution of Rural Health and Title VII Programs\***

Outreach Grants	Network Development Grants	Network Development Planning Grants	Rural Access to Emergency Devices	Small Hospital Improvement Grant	Rural Hospital Flexibility Program	State Office of Rural Health	Mississippi Delta Rural Development Initiative	Title VII	
		Louisiana Rural Health Association	Department of Health and Hygiene	Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals	Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals	Office of Rural Health	Southeast Louisiana Area Health Education Center		
\$199,800 \$197,616 \$165,258	\$179,604	\$100,000	\$241,025	\$301,568	\$449,500	\$150,000	\$713,197	\$4,037,259	
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\* Rural programs are FY 2004 or FY 2003 years. Title VII programs are FY 2004.

· Compiled by: the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) and the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health (NOSORH)

## **Outreach Grants**

*Recipient: Morehouse Parish Community Health Outreach Project (MPCHOP)* *Amount: \$199,800*  
*Contact: Martin Ayim, Grambling State Univ., Department HPER, Box 1193, Grambling, LA 71245 (318) 274-2372* The MPCHOP will establish a formal network of preventive health service providers and agencies that will maximize resources, increase the number of individuals and families receiving preventive care and foster a sense of positive behavior that reflects health and self-help. Over 40 percent of the children under age 20 in Northeast Louisiana are in poverty.

*Recipient: The St. Landry Rural Health Network* *Amount: \$197,616*  
*Contact: William Barow, Opelousas General, 539 E. Prudhomme St., PO Box 1208, Opelousas, LA 70570*  
*(337) 948-3011*

The St. Landry Rural Health Network will expand access to health services and improve the quality of essential health care services to the underserved at-risk residents of rural St. Landry Parish in Louisiana. Access barriers to services include a high poverty rate in St. Landry Parish (60 percent of residents have incomes less than 200 percent of the poverty rate), lack of insurance among 23 percent of the population, and low educational levels.

*Recipient: L.I.F.E.: A Union of Forces to Rescue Our Communities Health* *Amount: \$165,258*  
*Contact: Evalyn Ormond, Union General Hospital, 901 James Avenue, Farmerville, LA 71241 (318) 368-9745* L.I.F.E. is a six-partner network dedicated to providing health care preventive education to residents of Union Parish in north-central Louisiana, which received the lowest score of the 50 States for overall health in a national ranking. The risk for heart disease in Union Parish is 16 percent above the national average. In fact, health statistics for Union Parish are well above the State and national average in several key indicators, including poverty, infant mortality, teen pregnancy, cancer, diabetes, and unemployment.

## **Rural Health Network Development Grants**

*Recipient: Vermilion Parish Rural Health Network (VPRHN)* *Amount: \$179,604*  
*Contact: Robert Hensgens, Gueydan Memorial, 1201 Third Street, Gueydan, LA 70542 (337) 536-6584* The VPRHN, seeks to develop a community-based health plan in Vermilion, a rural parish in southwest Louisiana with a population of 53,782. According to Census 2000, over 50 percent of the parish's population is at or below 200 percent of the Poverty Level and 25 percent of the residents are uninsured. Vermilion's heart disease mortality is the third highest in the State, and mortality resulting from diabetes is twice the national average.

## **Rural Health Network Development Planning Grants**

*Recipient: Louisiana Rural Health Association, Napoleonville LA* *Amount: \$100,000*  
This new Network Development Planning Grant Program provides one year of funding to rural communities that seek to develop a formal integrated health care network and that do not have a significant history of collaboration. The planning grants are to be used to develop a formal network with the purpose of improving the coordination of health services in rural communities and strengthening the rural health care system as a whole.

## **Rural Access to Emergency Devices (RAED) Grant Program**

*Recipient: Department of Health and Hygiene* *Amount: \$241,025*  
The Office of Rural Health Policy's Rural Access to Emergency Devices (RAED) Grant Program provides funding to rural communities to purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and provide training in their use and maintenance. The legislation that created this program states that awards will be made to community partnerships.

## **Small Hospital Improvement Grant Program**

*Recipient: See Page 5 for list of 37 grantees* *Amount: \$301,568*  
The Office of Rural Health Policy's Small Rural Hospital Improvement (SHIP) Grant Program provides funding to small rural hospitals to help them do any or all of the following: 1) pay for costs related to the implementation of PPS, 2) comply with provisions of HIPAA and 3) reduce medical errors and support quality improvement.

## **Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant**

*Recipient: Louisiana Dept. of Health and Hospitals* *Amount: \$449,500*  
The Rural Hospital Flexibility Program is a Federal initiative that provides funding to State Governments to strengthen rural health. It: 1) allows small hospitals the flexibility to reconfigure operations and be licensed as Critical Access Hospital (CAHs), 2) offers cost-based reimbursement for Medicare acute inpatient and outpatient services, 3) encourages the development of rural-centric health networks, 4) offers grants to States to implement a CAH program to strengthen the rural health care infrastructure.

**Mississippi Delta Rural Development Initiative**

*Recipient: Southeast Louisiana Area Health Education Center  
Contact: 1302 J W Davis Dr., Hammond, LA*

*Amount: \$713,197*

The purpose of the Delta States Rural Development (Delta) Grant Program is to support community organizations in the development and implementation of projects to address local health care needs in the rural Delta Region. This will be achieved by awarding a single grant to one organization within each of the eight Delta States.

**Title VII Health Professions Training Funding**

*Recipient: 11 programs in the state*

*Amount: \$4,037,259*

Federal health professions programs support a variety of initiatives for training programs and students to improve the geographic distribution, quality, and racial and ethnic diversity of the health care workforce. Title VII programs specifically support physician, dentist and allied health profession training, with most of the funding dedicated to training in primary care medicine and dentistry and medical student diversity. These professions face significant shortages, particularly in medically underserved rural and inner city communities. Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) are also funded in Title VII, which are the link between university health science center resources and local planning, educational and clinical resources. This network of health-related institutions provides multidisciplinary educational services to students, faculty and local practitioners, ultimately improving health care delivery in medically underserved areas.

## Louisiana Small Hospital Improvement Grant Program Grantees

<b>LA Louisiana (33)</b>				
ABRAM KAPLAN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	1310 W 7TH STREET	KAPLAN	LA	70548
ACADIA - ST. LANDRY HOSPITAL	810 S. BROADWAY	CHURCH POINT	LA	70525
ALLEN PARISH HOSPITAL	108 6TH AVENUE	KINDER	LA	70648
ASSUMPTION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	135 HIGHWAY 402	NAPOLEANVILLE	LA	70390
BUNKIE GENERAL HOSPITAL	427 EVERGREEN STREET	BUNKIE	LA	71322
CALDWELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	410 MAIN STREET	COLUMBIA	LA	71418
CHRISTUS COUSHATTA HEALTH CARE CENTER	1635 MARVEL STREET	COUSHATTA	LA	71019
CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER	HWY 165 SOUTH	COLUMBIA	LA	71418
DEQUINCY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	110 West 4th Street	DEQUINCY	LA	70633
DESOTO REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM	207 JEFFERSON STREET	MANSFIELD	LA	71052
EAST CARROLL PARISH HOSPITAL	336 NORTH HOOD STREET	LAKE PROVIDENCE	LA	71254
FRANKLIN FOUNDATION HOSPITAL	1501 HOSPITAL AVENUE	FRANKLIN	LA	70538
FRANKLIN MEDICAL CENTER	PO BOX 1300	WINNSBORO	LA	71295
HARDTNER MEDICAL CENTER	HIGHWAY 165 SOUTH	OLLA	LA	71465
HOOD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	301 WALNUT STREET	AMITE	LA	70422
JACKSON PARISH HOSPITAL	165 BEECH SPRING ROAD	JONESBORO	LA	71251
LALLIE KEMP MEDICAL CENTER	52579 Hwy 51	SOUTH INDEPENDENCE	LA	70443
MADISON PARISH HOSPITAL	900 JOHNSON STREET	TALLULAH	LA	71282
NORTH CADDO MEDICAL CENTER	1000 SOUTH SPRUCE	VIVIAN	LA	71082
POINTE COUPEE GENERAL HOSPITAL	2202 FALSE RIVER ROAD	NEW ROADS	LA	70760
PREVOST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	301 MEMORIAL DRIVE	DONALDSONVILLE	LA	70346
RICHARDSON MEDICAL CENTER	254 HIGHWAY 3048	RAYVILLE	LA	71269
RICHLAND PARISH HOSPITAL DELHI	407 CINCINNATI STREET	DELHI	LA	71232
RIVERLAND MEDICAL CENTER	1700 WALLACE BLVD	FERRIDAY	LA	71334
RIVERSIDE MEDICAL CENTER	1900 SOUTH MAIN STREET	FRANKLINTON	LA	70438
SABINE MEDICAL CENTER	240 HIGHLAND DRIVE	MANY	LA	71449
SOUTH CAMERON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	5360 WEST CREOLE HIGHWAY	CAMERON	LA	70631
ST.HELENA PARISH HOSPITAL CAH	HIGHWAY 43 NORTH	GREENSBURG	LA	70441
ST. JAMES PARISH HOSPITAL	2471 LOUISIANA AVENUE	LUTCHER	LA	70071
TRI WARD GENERAL HOSPITAL	409 1ST STREET	BERNICE	LA	71222
UNION GENERAL HOSPITAL	901 JAMES AVENUE	FARMERVILLE	LA	71241
WEST CARROLL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	522 ROSS STREET	OAK GROVE	LA	71263
WEST FELICIANA PARISH HOSPITAL	5266 COMMERCE STREET	SAINT FRANCISVILLE	LA	70775