



DLT Awards – Ohio

2008 Grant Awards

Adena Health System

Ohio

\$277,695

Areas Served: Adams and Pike, 2nd Dist., Highland, 3rd Dist., Jackson, 18th Dist

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Congressional District: Schmidt, 2nd, Turner, 3rd, Space, 18th

Rural Development grant funds will be utilized by Adena Health System to bring telemedicine technology and continuing medical education to medically underserved rural Ohio. The project will serve twelve of the 50+ healthcare facilities in the region. The project will provide real-time telemedicine for diagnosing and treating patients, synchronous or asynchronous continuing medical education for physicians and allied health professionals as well as community health education programs intended to increase the health literacy of rural Ohioans.

Pike County Joint Vocational School District

Ohio

\$368,604

Areas Served: Pike, Adams, Brown, 2nd Dist., Scioto, 2nd & 6th Dists.; Highland, 3rd Dist., Lawrence and Gallia, 6th Dist., Pickaway, 7th Dist., Ross, 7th & 18th Dists.; Vinton, Jackson, 18th Dist.

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Congressional District: Schmidt, 2nd, Turner, 3rd, Wilson, 6th, Hobson, 7th, Space, 18th

Rural Development grant funds will be used by Pike County Ohio for the South Central Ohio Computer Association to support a regional literacy distance learning project aimed at improving reading proficiency of students in grades K-6. The project will provide videoconferencing equipment and instructional programming to 3 hub sites and 23 schools in rural Ohio. Distance learning services include professional development for teachers, teacher mentoring, best practices modeling, enrichment activities, and student interaction with authors of children's literature.

2007 Grant Awards

Adams County Hospital

Ohio

\$184,783



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Congressional District: OH – 2 Schmidt

This project will expand the local hospital's telemedicine program by enhancing the recruitment and retention of surgeons and expanding the scope and range of services beyond current capabilities. The services provided include physician clinics, home health care, rehabilitation services and community outreach programs.

2006 Grant Awards

Family Home Health Plus, Inc., dba Ohio Valley Home Health, Inc.

Gallipolis, OH
\$247,511
Areas Served: Gallia, Jackson, Oak Hill, Meigs, Vinton
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Congressional District: OH-06, 18

Rural Development funds will be used to implement an in-home patient monitoring system which will allow OVHH to continually monitor patients with chronic diseases within the comfort of the patients' homes. Monitors will collect patient vital signs at predetermined intervals and automatically transmit the data to a central station for review. The system is intended to initially serve over 200 home bound patients.

Lorain County Community College

Elyria, OH
\$277,722
Areas Served: Lorain
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Congressional District: OH-09, 13

Rural Development funds will be used to develop a distance learning service project which will deliver general education and core curriculum course content by utilizing Interactive Video Distance Learning (IVDL) and web-based distance learning instruction.



2005 Grant Awards:

Adams County Hospital

West Union, OH

\$141,812

Areas Served: Adams County

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Congressional District: OH-02

Home health care nurses will use wireless Internet laptop computers, video conferencing software and cameras, and portable equipment to enable clinical documentation and results reporting of patient visits in rural areas. The project will serve over 641 patients.

Allen County Health Partners, Inc.

Lima, OH

\$339,641

Areas Served: Allen, Jackson, Pike, Scioto Counties

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Congressional District: OH-02, OH-04

Five clinics and 12 providers in rural Ohio will link up through an Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system. The EMR system will be the primary source of information and documentation regarding patients and will enable attending physicians to access a patient record and make medical treatment decisions based on actual data. Potentially, 17,000 rural residents will benefit from this program.

2004 Grant Awards:

Adams County Hospital

West Union, Ohio

\$300,000

Area(s) served: Adams County

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Congressional District(s): OH-02

Adams County Hospital will implement a Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS). The system allows timely and efficient access to patients' medical information for physicians. This will greatly enhance care by rural healthcare providers who need to review patient and hospital information in a quickly without regard to



distance between the hub and end-user sites. The system will benefit 7,724 rural residents of Adams County.

2003 Grant Awards:

Adams County Hospital; West Union, OH

\$446,142

Area(s) Served: Adams County

Contact: Dewey Applegate (937) 544-1531; Fax: (937) 544-1120

Congressional District(s): 2nd

Adams County Hospital will utilize RUS grant funds to purchase a Picture Archive Computer System (PACS) to add to its existing hospital patient clinical information system. The PACS will provide physicians and other healthcare providers access to a completely integrated patient electronic medical record which will enable them to enhance the quality, availability and efficiency of preventative health services. Approximately 30,000 residents of Adams County will benefit from this new service as well as 80,000 residents in contiguous counties.

2002 Award:

Martins Ferry City School District; Martins Ferry, Ohio

\$213,530 Grant

Area(s) Served: Towns of Barnesville, Bellarie, Belmont JVS, Bridgeport, Martins Ferry, Shadyside, St. Clairsville, Union Local in Belmont County

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Congressional District(s): Applicant and Project: 18th

Martins Ferry City School District, a member of the BUCKEYE (Bolstering the Uses of Computer Knowledge to Enhance Youth Education) Consortium will use RUS grant funds to provide a model educational system for eight school districts in rural Belmont County in eastern Ohio. The BUCKEYE Program proposes to address sub-standard Ohio State proficiency test scores by using RUS grant funds to purchase video conferencing and other equipment. Teacher isolation will be countered by creating virtual communities of learners among the teachers. Online courses and videoconferences for teachers will compensate for a lack of substitutes and limited teacher professional development. With the addition of selected instructional programming, all 11,000 students in the Belmont County school system will be affected. Students will have access to high quality programming not currently available. In addition, students will have access to a global community in which they can link not only with peers in other Belmont County school, but also with students around the world. Each of the participating school districts will receive VTEL videoconferencing at elementary, middle school and high school classrooms. A select group of teachers at each level will have access to laptop computers



that will allow participation in communities of learners and more effectively integrate technology, especially distance learning technology into classroom.

Ohio University Southern Campus; Ironton, OH

\$482,518 Grant

Area(s) Served: Lawrence Counties communities of Ironton, Chesapeake, Coal Grove, South Point, Willow Wood; Scioto County communities of Portsmouth, McDermott, Lucasville; Pike County communities of Piketon; and, Ross County community of Clillicothe

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Congressional District(s): Applicant 6th / Project 6th and 7th

The Ohio University Southern Campus will use RUS grant funds to create a distance learning network that links eight K-12 schools with two universities in rural Ohio. This economically disadvantaged area suffers from high unemployment rates, high poverty and low educational achievement among adults. Throughout the project service area student achievement in primary grades is significantly lower than the national average. The partnership formed through this network will enhance educational opportunities for students, strengthen the skills of faculty and student teachers, and increase the academic achievement of all students in the areas of math and science. The consortium sponsoring this grant is bringing four partners to the project that will provide excellent resources to ensure systemic change in education in this rural area. Each of these partners will handle specialized areas of education such as professional development plans and resources for special needs students in the districts. The consortium is truly excited about the amount and quality of the resources that will be involved in this project. The project will reach 7,200 and will provide resources for approximately 300 teachers.

2001 Awards:

Ohio University Southern Campus; Ironton, Ohio

\$468,000 Grant

Area(s) Served: Adams, Lawrence, Ross and Scioto Counties

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Congressional District(s): 2nd, 6th and 7th.

Ohio University Southern Campus, Shawnee State University, and eight local school districts in four Ohio counties propose a distance learning project that will benefit nearly 250,000 people. The academic needs of students in these small communities will be enhanced through telecommunications links with other schools and distance learning networks. The project proposes video conferencing capability and wireless laptop systems for the university and the high school sites. Students will use technologies that are typical of high-tech businesses and industries, thereby gaining confidence in their abilities to participate and compete in challenging careers. They will also be able to access new resources and participate with other area classrooms, partner colleges, state



and national networks, and interactive web sites. Practicing teachers will be able to participate in professional development activities, and will link to student teachers' practice sessions to incorporate the modeling of appropriate techniques. An area-wide virtual community of teachers and learners will be established to promote innovation in teaching and the sharing of best practices. This will result in a better-educated, better-prepared workforce that will contribute to local economic development.

1995 Grant Award:

Adams County Hospital

West Union

The project will link the hospital and four high schools to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. The system will provide health care professionals, teachers, students and other rural residents with access to a wide range of continuing education and advanced placement college courses. Also, it will provide medical services, such as trauma care, follow-up diagnostic and evaluative consultations and emergency medical consultations 24-hours a day.

1994 Grant Award:

Hocking Technical College

Perry County

Hocking College, a technical education known for its educational satellite programs, will implement a two-way interactive video distance learning link between Nelsonville and New Lexington. The compressed video will be distributed through a dedicated fiber optic line. Educational services include courses in Nursing, Business, Accounting, continuing adult education, and other technical programs. The system will also allow all students and community residents access to online information from a wide range of digital networks.