Grant Title: AHRQ GRANT PROGRAM FOR LARGE CONFERENCE SUPPORT (R13)

Funding Opportunity Number: PAR-09-257. CFDA Number(s): 93.226.


Area of Research: Conferences that help to further its mission to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans.


Application Deadline: April 12, August 12, December 12 annually.

Amount: Up to $100,000 per year.

Length of Support: Up to three years.

Eligible Applicants: Public and State controlled institutions of higher education. See the full announcement for a complete list of eligible applicants.

Summary: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces its continued interest in supporting conferences through its Grant Program for Large Conference Support. AHRQ seeks to support conferences that help to further its mission to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans. The types of conferences eligible for support include: 1) Research development - conferences where issues or challenges in the delivery of health services are defined and a research agenda or strategy for studying them is developed; 2) Design and methodology - conferences where methodological and technical issues of major importance in the field of health services research are addressed or new designs and methodologies are developed; 3) Dissemination conferences - where research findings are summarized and communicated broadly to organizations and individuals that have the capability to use the information to improve the outcomes, quality, access to, and cost and utilization of health care services; and/or, 4) Research training, infrastructure and career development conferences where research faculty and students are brought together with users of research to develop, share and disseminate research products, experiences, curricula, syllabi, approaches or core competencies required to train individuals from multi- and interdisciplinary backgrounds or prepare developing or emerging research institutions to conduct and translate research related to fostering improvements in health care delivery in the U.S. AHRQ is especially interested in supporting conferences that include plans and strategies for disseminating conference materials and products to other audiences, beyond the participants attending the event. Such strategies might include, but are not limited to, submitting articles for publication, posting information on a Web site, and seeking formal opportunities to disseminate the conference information through other venues. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) will use the conference grant (R13) and conference cooperative agreement (U13) award mechanisms. AHRQ large conference grants are those with up to $100,000 per year in total costs with a total project period not to exceed 3 years. Applicants may request full or partial support for conferences. Requests for partial support are welcome and the peer reviewers will consider the overall structure and design of the proposed conference as well as the structure and design of any conference sub-component for which support is being requested. AHRQ encourages applicants to seek co-sponsorship of conferences. Under the R13 mechanism, the applicant will be solely responsible for planning, directing, and executing the proposed project.