Grant Title: AHRQ CONFERENCE GRANT PROGRAM (R13)

Funding Opportunity Number: PA-13-017. CFDA Number(s): 93.226.

Agency/Department: Department of Health and Human Services, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ).

Area of Research: Support for conferences that help to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans.


Application Deadline: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1 annually, beginning February 1, 2013.

Amount: The total costs awarded under this FOA will not exceed $35,000 annually.

Length of Support: Although it is anticipated that most applications will request a project period that does not exceed one year, AHRQ will accept applications with a project period of up to three years that support the same conference on an annual basis.

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

Summary: 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 practice and delivery of health care are defined and a research agenda or strategy for studying them is developed; 2) research 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 and implementation conferences - conferences where research findings and evidence-based information and tools are summarized, communicated and used by 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 faculty, trainees and students are brought together with stakeholders to develop, share or disseminate research products, experiences, curricula, syllabi, training competencies. These types of conferences are not for the training of individuals in health services research. AHRQ is especially interested in supporting conferences that demonstrate strategies that include plans for disseminating complementary conference materials and products 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 discuss conference information with others. The conference should address issues related to priority populations--low income groups; racial and ethnic minority groups; women; children; the elderly; individuals with special health care needs, including individuals with disabilities and those who need chronic care and end-of-life health care; and individuals living in inner-city, rural, and frontier areas--to the extent appropriate to the conference topic. AHRQ has particular interest in supporting conference grants in the following portfolio areas: comparative effectiveness, health information technology (health IT), patient safety, prevention and care management, value, and healthcare innovations and emerging areas. The topic selected must be important to Agency stakeholders such as consumers and patients; clinicians and other providers; institutions; health plans; purchasers; and policymakers in all sectors (e.g., Federal, State and local governments; voluntary associations; international organizations; and foundations).