

HHS Grants 1

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Arkansas is receiving more than \$35 million dollars in federal funds to go toward strengthening the state's healthcare infrastructure in rural communities. The money will fund grants provided by the U-S Department of Health and Human Services to go toward programs focused on enhancing telemedicine and treating H-I-V/AIDS, as well as establishing residency programs to train doctors on health issues specific to rural communities. Dr. Steven Collier is the C-E-O of ARCare, a rural health service and the recipient of \$400-thousand dollars in new grants.

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H-H-S is also providing \$750 million dollars to Dardanelle Regional Medical Center to partner with Conway Regional Medical Center to fund a total of six rural health residency positions over a course of three years. The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences will also receive \$450 million to establish a similar residency program for physicians training in family medicine.

HHS Grants 2

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The U-S Department of Health and Human Services is providing over \$35 million dollars to strengthen the state's rural healthcare infrastructure. The funding was announced Thursday at a news conference with Gov. Asa Hutchinson. It will go toward grants to rural hospitals and other healthcare entities to strengthen telemedicine and to enhance treatment of H-I-V and AIDS. Eric Hargan is Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

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The funding will also go toward establishing rural health residency programs at hospitals in Conway and Dardanelle, as well as establishing a program at U-A-M-S for existing family medicine residents. The grants are provided by the Health Resources and Services Administration, which is a subset of H-H-S.