DLT Awards – South Carolina

2012 Grant Awards

Hampton County School District 2
$172,424
South Carolina
Areas Served: Hampton County
Contact: Willie J. Orr
Telephone: (803) 625-5003
Congressional District: Wilson, 2nd Dist.

Rural Development funds will be used by Hampton County School District 2 to purchase the equipment necessary to establish a distance learning system where currently no system exists. There is a critical need for distance learning, even apparent in the hub location of this project, in the rural community of Estill. This extremely rural community has few public services, limited access to technology, is economically challenged and costly to serve. Creating the platform where teachers can extend their skills and positive influence beyond one school and where students can see possibilities beyond their immediate rural surroundings is a necessary first step to bolster a young population toward optimism, motivation and achievement.

2011 Grant Awards

Agape Management Services, Inc.
South Carolina
$196,378
Areas Served: Chesterfield, Colleton, Darlington, Hampton, Jasper, Laurens, Marlboro, & Williamsburg Counties
Contact: James Williamson
Telephone: (843) 910-1440
Congressional District: Wilson, 2nd, Duncan, 3rd, Mulvaney, 5th, Clyburn, 6th

With assistance from USDA Rural Development funds Agape Management will acquire and implement a telemedicine system to eight rural senior hospice centers located in counties throughout Eastern South Carolina. Telemedicine will include a range of consultation services between professional staff at the Agape main office in West Columbia and their counterparts at the hospices. Services include medication and pharmacy provisions, education programs for patients and their families as well as individual counseling. As a special feature, Agape will partner with several community colleges and the Apprenticeship Carolina program to provide distance training for hospice staff in a registered health care apprenticeship program. Funds will assist the hub site in acquiring a multipoint

bridge, content server, video control and firewall transversal units, as well as a desktop video conferencing system for the main office. Each of the rural sites will receive a video conferencing system mounted on a mobile cart with dual display monitors. Agape Management will match the federal grant funds with $147,285 of local funding.

2010 Grant Awards

Williamsburg Regional Hospital
$254,486
South Carolina
County: Williamsburg
Contact: Mr. Mitch Monsour, (843)-355-8888
SC 6 - James Clyburn

This RUS-funded project will be the first of its kind in the area bringing cardiac health services with direct physician consultation to residents in Williamsburg County though telemedicine. The partnership created between the Carolinas Hospital System and Williamsburg Regional Hospital (WRC) will not only provide rural residents with preventive cardiac screenings and vastly improved cardiac care, but also serve to support the local healthcare providers with new interactive digital connections to specialists and electronic resources at major metropolitan hospitals.

2008 Grant Awards

Allendale County Schools

South Carolina
$312,863
Areas Served: Allendale, 2nd Dist
Contact: Mrs. Meredity Cooler
Telephone: (803) 584-4603
Congressional District: Wilson, 2nd

Rural Development grant funds will be used by Allendale County Schools to install a distance learning videoconferencing system in five schools in rural South Carolina. The distance learning system will provide distance-learning courses to students tied to core subject area standards, virtual field trips for immersion with curriculum, professional development and continuing education courses for faculty, and basic education and career awareness courses for local residents.

2006 Grant Awards

Western Carolina Higher Education Commission
South Carolina
$312,863
Areas Served: Allendale, Colleton, Richland
Contact: Mrs. Jane T. Brewer
Telephone: 803-584-3446
Congressional District: SC-02, 06

Rural Development funds will be used to expand distance learning education between USC Salkehatchie and the Western Carolina Higher Education Commission to students in rural South Carolina. The project will use a variety of computer communications equipment, as well as videoconferencing and audio equipment, to connect students in the Salkehatchie region of South Carolina with classes taking place as far as 100 miles away on the main USC campus in Columbia.

2004 Grant Awards

Orangeburg Consolidated School District Four
South Carolina
$500,000
Areas Served: Bamberg, Barnwell, and Orangeburg Counties
Contact: Mr. Marion R. Johnson
Telephone: 803-534-8081
Congressional District: SC-02, SC-06

This project will help fund the creation of interactive video classrooms in five different schools in rural South Carolina. It will also equip an adult education facility with receive-only video equipment. The new equipment will enable the schools that make up the Orangeburg-Bamberg-Barnwell Consortium to share faculty resources, allowing students to take courses with teachers and students outside of their home district. It will also allow students to pursue advanced coursework available interactively from regional institutions such as the University of South Carolina and Clemson University. The project will benefit the 3,208 students in the five high schools to be equipped as well as the 1,672 students who use the services of the Bamberg Adult Education Center.

2003 Grant Awards

Lee County School District
South Carolina
$500,000
Areas Served: City of Bishopville

Contact: Millie Atkinson
Telephone: (803) 484-5327
Congressional District: 5th and 6th

Lee County School District will use RUS grant funds to bring distance learning technology to three schools and 2,980 students in the district. The project will provide expanded educational programs, instructions and information to students, teachers and community members in rural areas, connecting them with other sites across the region, state, country and world. The main goal of the project is to improve student achievement, teaching strategies, and to increase parent involvement toward life-long learning.

Williamsburg County School District

South Carolina
$500,000
Areas Served: Williamsburg County
Contact: Regina McKnight
Telephone: (843) 355-0826
Congressional District: 6th

Williamsburg County School District will utilize RUS funding for a distance learning - telemedicine system project. Three high schools and Williamsburg Regional Hospital will participate. A fifth school site will be an end user only. The system will benefit 2,623 students plus approximately 6,500 community members via the video conferencing system. This system will provide expanded educational programs, instruction and information to students, teachers and community members connecting them with sites across the region, state, country, and world.

York Technical College

South Carolina
$460,303
Areas Served: Chester, Lancaster, and York Counties
Contact:
Telephone:
Congressional District: 5th

York Technical College will use RUS funds to expand its present distance learning system by adding learning classrooms at its main campus and seven end users, which include Chester, Lewisville, Great Falls, Buford, Andrew Jackson, York High Schools, York Technical College - Kershaw Center, and York Technical College - Chester Center. An interactive IP video classroom system will be utilized to pool instructional resources for both regular high school classes and college classes offered for credit at the high school level. Additional evening technical classes will be offered, including GED, continuing education, and

vocational training. The system will benefit approximately 1,000 students each year.

1999 Grant Awards

University of South Carolina

South Carolina
$70,037
Areas Served: Eastover and Richland Counties
Contact: Dr. Stanley Fowler
Telephone: (803) 733-3331

Congressional District: The proposed project addresses two needs in a rural Health Profession Shortage Area (HPSA). It will enhance access to health care as well as recruit and retain health care providers in a medically under-served area. The proposed telemedicine system will be used primarily to obtain remote specialist consultations from the University of South Carolina's School of Medicine's Specialty Clinics and the Emergency Department at Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital. RUS grant funds will allow the already operational South Carolina Telemedicine Network (SCTN) to expand into the Eastover/Hopkins HPSA in Richland County. Telemedicine will provide a solution to the access problems of provider shortages and lack of transportation. An additional, although not primary, use of the project will be distance learning opportunities for the staff and patients at the Richland Community Health Care Association, Inc.

1994 Grant Awards

Richland Memorial Hospital

South Carolina
Areas Served: Kershaw and Fairfield Counties

This project expands on a pilot system which is in use in one rural hospital and primary care clinic. The hub of the expanded network is located at the Richland Memorial Hospital and tied into the communications backbone of the University of South Carolina and its School of Medicine. A PC-based, or desktop-type telemedicine system will be expanded to a Public Health System clinic and to a second rural hospital in an adjacent county. Services offered by the network will include distance consultations for Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Psychiatry, Cardiology, Hematology/Oncology, and Dermatology. Educational programs will include Nursing, Continuing Medical Education and a Family Medicine Resident Program. Computer network

equipment, multiplexers and related digital accessories for medical telecommunications will be integrated into a compressed video network over Tl lines.

1993 Grant Awards

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South Carolina
Areas Served: Jasper County

A 31-bed rural hospital, with no full-time radiologist, plans to install a teleradiology link with radiologists in Savannah, Ga., to accelerate diagnosis and faster treatment of patients.