

## **DLT Awards – New Hampshire**

### ***2011 Grant Awards***

North Country Education Services Agency, Inc.

New Hampshire and Maine

\$497,531

Areas Served: NH: Hillsborough, Coos, Grafton; ME: Aroostook

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Congressional District: NH: Guinta, 1st Dist.; and Bass, 2nd Dist.; ME: Michaud, 2nd Dist.

As with many rural areas in America, communities in rural New Hampshire face problems with low population density and small student population in the schools, which are isolated and struggling to cover curriculum requirements. To address this, North Country Education Services has teamed-up with the Granite State Distance Learning Network in Durham, ATECH services in Concord, and grant funds from the USDA Rural Development Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program to put together a distance learning system for 19 rural schools. The project will install portable video system in each school. Video systems will be a combination of video client-based software running on tablets or laptops, state-of-the-art desktop systems mounted on portable carts and interactive white boards. One site is a rehabilitation center where students will receive telemedicine benefits. Specialty providers will deliver services for students with disabilities. To help retain and rebuild their teaching force, North Country will deliver professional development to teaching staff at the participating schools, and will match the federal grant funds with \$150,453 of local funding.

### ***2010 Grant Awards***

#### **University of New Hampshire**

\$222,849

New Hampshire

Counties: Carroll, Coos, Grafton, Merrimack, Rockingham, Sullivan

Contact: Mr. Scott A. Valcourt, (603) 862-4489

Guinta, 1st Dist. and Bass, 2nd Dist.

RUS funds will be used by a project sponsored by the University of New Hampshire, is an extensive and comprehensive mental health video teleconferencing network, with medical consultation provided by professionals at 9 hub resource sites which will be linked to 14 endpoint locations, including rural hospitals, community service centers, behavioral health offices, Cooperative Extension offices, and a county jail. The video network will also include the

university's successful peer support program for behavioral health patients, and provide training for rural clinicians.

### ***2008 Grant Awards***

#### **White Mountains Regional School District**

New Hampshire, Vermont

\$323,022

Areas Served: NH: Coos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist., VT: Essex and Orleans

Contact: Dr. Lois Lafasciano

Telephone: (603) 837-9363

Congressional District: NH: Hodes, 2<sup>nd</sup>, VT: Welch, At Large

Rural Development funds will establish a unique interstate distance learning partnership between five rural New Hampshire sites and thirteen rural Vermont sites. State-of-the-art IP-based videoconferencing equipment will be used at each location delivering content such as professional development training, mentoring, virtual field trips, high school academic and college classes, and community education and training

### ***2006 Grant Awards***

#### **Exeter Region Cooperative School District**

New Hampshire, Vermont

\$359,563

Areas Served: Caledonia, Carroll, Essex, Orleans, Rockingham, Strafford counties

Contact: Dr. Steve Kossakoski

Telephone: 603-775-8679

Congressional District: NH-01, VT-01

Rural Development funds will be used to extend the original Exeter Bi-State Distance Learning Project with 10 new rural end-user sites in Vermont. Exeter School District will provide the Vermont schools with expanded content and will mentor the technical staff at the Lake Union High School in Vermont as they begin to transition to the role of hub site for their own schools. Over 4,000 students and 300 teachers will benefit from the project.

#### **Trustees of Dartmouth College**

New Hampshire

\$61,977

Areas Served: Coos, Grafton counties

Contact: Dr. Louis A. Kazal

Telephone: 603-653-1813

Congressional District: NH-02

Rural Development funds will be used to implement an obstetrical telemedicine project in collaboration with Weeks Medical Center in Lancaster, NH. The project will provide access to high quality obstetrical care by using a telemedical approach to improve health care services in the area.

### ***2005 Grant Awards***

#### **VNA at HCS, Inc.**

New Hampshire

\$327,100

Areas Served: Cheshire, Hillsboro, Sullivan counties

Contact: Stephen Curtin

Telephone: 603-352-2253

Congressional District: NH-02

Using point of care laptops, nurses and therapists will upload patient data into a chronic disease management program while visiting patients in 46 towns in the project area. The chronic disease management program will provide 360 patients will real-time home telemonitoring. Total patients served will exceed 2,500 in the first year of the project.

### ***2004 Grant Awards***

#### **Southeastern Regional Education Service Center, Inc.**

New Hampshire

\$499,965

Areas Served: Hillsborough, Sullivan, & Strafford Counties

Contact: Antonio Paradis

Telephone: 603-206-6800

Congressional District: NH-01, NH-02

The Southeastern Regional Education Service Center will use grant funding to install a videoconferencing system. More than 11,836 rural residents in four rural communities will directly benefit from this project with expanded access to distance learning and vocational opportunities. Course work will be shared through the network and students will be able to complete up to two years of college work on line. The system will also be used for training emergency workers.

### ***2003 Grant Awards***

## **Timberlane Regional School District**

New Hampshire

\$ 499,996

Areas Served: Rockingham County

Contact: John Holland

Telephone: (603) 382-6119

Congressional District: 1st

Timberlane Regional School District will utilize RUS grant funds to implement a distance learning and telemedicine project which will link three school districts using distance learning equipment. The result will be over 5,000 students and 27,000 residents of Rockingham County having access to dual enrollment courses, technical certification programs, professional development courses, and health education courses.

## ***2000 Grant Awards***

### **Dartmouth College**

New Hampshire

\$236,898

Areas Served: Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton, Merrimack, Rockingham and Sullivan Counties

Contact: Rosemary A. Orgren

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Congressional District: 2<sup>nd</sup>

The broad goal of this project is to address the need for greater access to educational programs in rural areas of the State of New Hampshire in a closely coordinated and cost-effective manner. The partners in this application – the New Hampshire Area Health Education Center Program (Dartmouth Medical School), the New Hampshire State Library, the Granite State Distance Learning Network, and the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension – intend to provide new opportunities for continuing education and professional development, completion of academic coursework, and citizen participation in this shared network of hardware, software and electronic connections. The project will provide two-way interactive video educational programs to meet both required and elective educational objectives of the targeted audiences in rural areas of the state. It will provide opportunities for citizen participation in interactive statewide meetings and consumer education programs. It will also provide high speed internet capability at each of the sites.

### **North Country Educational Foundation**

New Hampshire

\$170,990

Areas Served: Carroll, Coos and Grafton Counties

Contact: Dr. Michael Hill

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Congressional District: 2<sup>nd</sup>

North Country Education Foundation (NCEF), Gorham, New Hampshire, is a non-profit corporation providing shared educational services to school systems throughout the northern portion of New Hampshire. NCEF and New Hampshire Public Television (NHPTV) have emerged as preeminent providers of professional development for K-12 education in New Hampshire. NHPTV is a hub of the Granite State Distance Learning Network (GSDLN). This network is used to provide professional development and community-based interactive video conferencing capacity across the state utilizing a Technology Learning Center (TLC) connecting to remote sites. The design of this project will incorporate connectivity to the statewide GSDLN, where the local distance learning site can deliver training within the community. This system will initially connect five high schools with the NCEF and NHPTV and eventually will connect to three additional high schools and the Littleton Hospital.

### ***1999 Grant Awards***

#### **White Mountain School Administrative Unit #35**

New Hampshire

\$140,188

Areas Served: Grafton County

Contact: Mr. Steve Sloan

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White Mountain School Administrative Unit #35; is located in the White Mountains of Northern New Hampshire. It currently supervises the needs for three separate high schools located in Lisbon, Bethlehem, and Littleton, New Hampshire. RUS funding will be used to provide distance learning network between the three high schools.