



AHRQ Small Grant Program for Conference Support (R13)

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), announces its continued interest in supporting conferences through its Small Grant Program for 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 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 - 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.

Closing Date: Oct 22, 2012

Eligible Applicants

1.A. Eligible Institutions

You may submit an application(s) if your institution/organization has any of the following characteristics:

- Public or non-profit private institution, such as a university, college, or a faith-based or community-based organization;
- Units of local or State government;
- Eligible agencies of the Federal government.
- Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized);
- Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized);
- Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organizations.

AHRQ's authorizing legislation does not allow for-profit organizations to be eligible to lead applications under this research mechanism, thus for the purpose of this FOA, AHRQ will make



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grants only to non-profit organizations. For-profit organizations may participate in projects as members of consortia or as subcontractors only. Because the purpose of this program is to improve healthcare in the United States, foreign institutions may participate in projects as members of consortia or as subcontractors only. Applications submitted by for-profit organizations or foreign institutions will be returned without review. Organizations described in section 501(c) 4 of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying are not eligible. In the case of an international conference, the U.S. representative organization of an established international scientific or professional society is the eligible grantee. Grant funds may not be used to provide general support for international conferences held outside the United States or Canada. However, grant funds may be awarded to support specific aspects of an international conference held outside the United States or Canada provided the applicant is the U.S. representative organization of an established international scientific or professional society.

1.B. Eligible Individuals

Any individual(s) with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed conference as the PD/PI is invited to work with his/her organization to develop an application for support. Individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for AHRQ support.

2. Cost Sharing or Matching

This program does not require cost sharing for applications in response to this FOA.

While there is no cost sharing requirement included in this FOA, AHRQ welcomes applicant institutions, including any collaborating institutions, to devote resources to this effort. An indication of institutional support from the applicant and its collaborators indicates a greater potential of success and sustainability of the project. Examples of institutional support would include: donated equipment and space, institutional funded staff time and effort, or other resource investments. Applicant institutions should indicate institutional support by outlining the specific contributions to the project and providing assurances that their organization and any collaborators are committed to providing these funds and resources to the project.

3. Other-Special Eligibility Criteria

Applicants may submit a resubmission application, but such applications must include an Introduction addressing issues raised in the previous critique (Summary Statement). Up to 2 resubmission applications for the same meeting will be allowed.

Applicants may not submit a renewal application.



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Applicants may submit more than one application, provided each application is distinct and describes a stand alone conference. However, AHRQ will not accept similar grant applications with essentially the same conference focus from the same applicant organization.

If an applicant seeks conference grant support for multiple years or has received funding from the AHRQ Small Grant Program for Conference Support for a specific conference for three consecutive years, the applicant must apply to the Grant Program for Large Conference Support.

Recurring conferences which have received AHRQ funding for three consecutive years through AHRQ's Small Grant Program for Conference Support are ineligible to submit an application for the same conference through the Small Grant Program for Conference Support for a period of at least 1 year after the date of the most recently funded annual conference. The applicant may submit an application for the recurring conference under the Grant Program for Large Conference Support.



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