



**EL DORADO COUNTY  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

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**Daniel Nielson, M.P.A.  
Director**

September 26, 2012

University of California, Davis Medical Center  
UC Davis Health System  
Center for Health and Technology  
Education Building  
4610 X Street, Suite 2301  
Sacramento, CA 95817  
Attn: Jackie Hausman

Re: Model eHealth Communities  
Implementation Support Supplemental Grant

Dear Ms. Hausman:

On behalf of ACCEL (Access El Dorado), the County of El Dorado Health and Human Services Agency, Public Health Division is pleased to present our proposal for your Model eHealth Communities Implementation Support Supplemental grant opportunity and to serve as fiscal agent.

Due to the timing of the project, we will be seeking approval by the County Board of Supervisors in October; hence, the proposal cannot be considered binding until ratified by the Board. We have already taken steps to obtain approval and will provide minutes of the meeting authorizing this grant application to U.C. Davis immediately thereafter.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Daniel Nielson, M.P.A., Director  
Health and Human Services Agency

Enclosure

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**Implementation Support Supplemental Grant  
For Model eHealth Communities  
Maximum Award: \$5,000**

Model eHealth Community: ACCEL

Contact Person: Chris Weston, Program Manager II

Name of Organization: El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency

Address: 931 Spring Street, Placerville, CA 95667

Phone Number: 530-621-6149 Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: chris.weston@edcgov.us Date of Application: 08/29/2012

***If the organization applying does not currently have a Model eHealth Community contract with University of California, Davis, please provide the following information:***

Legal name of contracting entity:

Social Security # or Federal Tax ID#:

Mailing Address:

Contact Information: Name and Title:

Phone:

Email:

Description of Contracting Entity:

Federal     State     County     Non-Profit     For-profit or individual

Conflict of Interest: Is the contracting entity a University Employee, or a near relative of a University Employee?     Yes     No

Does a University Employee or his/her near relative own or control more than 10% interest in the contracting entity?     Yes     No

## **Implementation Support Supplemental Grant Project Description**

Model eHealth Community: ACCEL

Organization Name: El Dorado County Community Health Center

**Provide a narrative description of your proposed project. Please address the following questions and limit to 1 page.**

Describe how these funds would be used. How will this project support the implementation of the broadband dependant eHealth applications you are launching? What is the goal of the project? How will you know when the goal(s) has been achieved? What are the activities that will be conducted, and what are the expected outcomes? Provide a timeline detailing when this project or event will take place.

Over the past year, the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency (EDCHSSA) has begun to utilize telehealth to improve the delivery and efficiency of care to its patients. Primarily, our focus has been on deliver telepsychiatry services to uninsured and publicly insured patients through our County Mental Health Division. We are pleased to have the opportunity explore how to augment our work through this mini-grant. We propose the following activities:

- 1) Support the design and implementation of new telemedicine efforts: Grant monies would be used to help fund operational staff to design and implement telepsychiatry consults at the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF). Timeframe: Planning activities have already commenced. Monies will be used to support remaining planning and implementation activities.
- 2) Continuing Education (CE) efforts: EDCHSSA has participated in multiple CE sessions coordinated by ACCEL. We would like to support continuing education for our clinical staff as well as community providers by utilizing ACCEL's infrastructure and team to help coordinate a county-wide CE session. The clinical focus and specialists would be identified by consulting with our providers and the ACCEL Provider Workgroup. Timeframe: Coordination will begin within 6 weeks of receiving funds. We expect to hold the CE session by June 2013.
- 3) Support evaluation of existing telemedicine activities: Use of local resources (e.g. County epidemiologist) to review and assess the cost/benefit of existing telemedicine efforts. Specifically, evaluation will focus on telepsychiatry services provided by Mental Health.



*\*Total budget request from UC Davis cannot exceed \$5,000*