



AMERICAN DATA NETWORK HEALTHCARE QUALITY GRANT INFORMATION

ABOUT THE GRANT

American Data Network (ADN) was established in 1994 with one mission in mind: to provide healthcare professionals with current, actionable information needed to maximize hospital operating efficiencies, improve the quality of patient care, and support strategic business decisions. Since its inception ADN has worked with healthcare professionals across Arkansas, providing data systems that aid in the identification, measurement, and prioritization of performance improvement processes. With our mission in mind, ADN has established an annual grant intended to forward initiatives designed to improve the healthcare of Arkansans.

AMOUNT

The recipient will receive a one-time payment of \$5,000 in support of their grant project.

RECOGNITION

Recipients will receive:

Public announcement during National Quality Week (October 19-25, 2008).

Award posting on state quality association website.

Publicity in local, state and national mediums (i.e., *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, NAHQ News*)

PURPOSE

Innovation in Patient Safety and Quality - Original projects or initiatives that improve the safety of patient care or that advocate on the patient's behalf such as interventions to coordinate the transition of care, implementation of clinical information systems to support the availability of patient care information, systems to ensure consistency in diagnostic and treatment plans, execution of effective and efficient processes to eliminate unnecessary variation, repetition, and duplication, etc.

OR

Community Outreach – Original projects or initiatives that identify and address the health needs of community patient populations to include direct patient care, new technologies, patient advocacy and education initiatives, partnerships with community-based organizations, care integration across continuums, communication strategies to advance awareness and education etc.

Please note that various hospital departments are encouraged to apply, but each entry must have clear implications for improving quality, patient safety, and/or community health.

CRITERIA

- I. Open, Inpatient Acute Care and Critical Access hospitals in Arkansas will be considered.
- II. Eligible programs include projects new to your facility and/or existing initiatives in need additional funding. Multiple applications can be submitted. Each application must be submitted independently.
- III. A letter of recommendation from the facility Administrator in support of the submitted initiative is to accompany each application.
- IV. Applicants must agree to the use of their institution and a promotional quote by American Data Network to advertise/endorse this program.
- V. Applicants must agree to submit details and outcomes of the grant project for use by American Data Network.
- VI. Six (6) complete copies of the grant application should accompany each entry.
- VII. The grant recipient will be required to submit follow-up documentation of project outline, implementation, and outcomes.

DEADLINE

- I. Completed applications must be received at American Data Network by **August 29, 2008** to be considered. It is strongly recommended that applications be mailed via registered or certified mail.
- II. No incomplete applications will be considered.
- III. No faxed copies will be accepted.

VOTING PANEL

The applications will be distributed to a voting panel for review and will be scored according to criteria pre-defined by American Data Network. Confirmed Voting Panel will include representatives from:

American Data Network
Arkansas Association for Healthcare Quality
Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care

NOTIFICATION

The recipient will be notified by October 3rd with a public announcement during National Quality Week (October 19-25, 2008). Any questions related to the grant or application can be directed to Sherry Bird (sbird@americandatanetwork.com) or Stephanie Iorio (siorio@americandatanetwork.com).



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DESCRIPTION

State the project's broad, long-term objectives and specific aims, making reference to the impact of the project on Arkansas healthcare. Describe concisely the design and methods for achieving these goals. Avoid summaries of past accomplishments and the use of the first person. This abstract is meant to serve as an accurate description of the proposed work when separated from the application. If the application is funded, this description, as is, will become public information. Therefore, do not include proprietary/confidential information. **DO NOT EXCEED 275 WORDS.**

METHODS/PROCEDURES

Please follow this format when submitting your application.

I. Performance Site(s) (*Organization, City, and State*)

II. Key Personnel

List all key personnel applicable to the plan in alphabetical order, last name first. Indicate the primary contact for grant communication.

III. Biographical Summaries

Provide a brief biography for the key personnel in the order listed above. (similar to CNE/CME applications)

IV. Resources (*Facilities, Staff, Other*)

Specify the resources to be used for the conduct of the proposed project. Indicate the performance sites and staff and describe mechanisms of support and available funds.

V. Plan Details

- a. Aims:** Identify the project's target/market and list at least three measurable goals.
- b. Significance:** Describe the project's importance and include innovative approaches, expected outcomes and likelihood of success.
- c. Relevant Experience:** Discuss facility experience to accomplish proposed goals.
- d. Designs and Methods:** Specify the project details and start date. Please include steps for implementation, plans for integration, dissemination and evaluation, use of data systems, process for measuring performance, and methods for ensuring sustainability. If applicable, also discuss the role of organizational leadership, patient and family involvement, and/or community recruitment strategies.
- e. Consultants:** List consultants, if any, which you intend to involve to add to the success of the project.
- f. Major Equipment:** If applicable, list the most important equipment items (either already available or intended for purchase) related to this project, noting the location and pertinent capabilities of each.
- g. Budget Justifications:** Provide a list of line-item expenses needed for project implementation.
- h. References:** List all referenced materials.



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SUBMISSION FORM**

CHECKLIST

- A letter of recommendation from the facility Administrator in support of the submitted initiative.
- Plan Description
- Method/Procedures
- Six Copies

ADDRESS

American Data Network
ATTN: Grant Application
10809 Executive Center Drive
Searcy Building, Ste. 300
Little Rock, AR 72211



AMERICAN DATA NETWORK HEALTHCARE QUALITY GRANT RECIPIENT

2007 - White County Medical Center, Searcy, Medication Reconciliation

White County Medical Center (WCMC) was selected to receive the 2007 ADN Quality Grant in support of their community outreach program focusing on medication reconciliation. Because systematic collection and clear communication of the patient medication list were essential for goal attainment, WCMC believed community involvement was crucial and networked with local pharmacies, physician offices, community clubs, health services and industries. WCMC conducted free workshops to educate the general population on the importance of a complete personal medication record; and hospital clinicians donated their time to distribute wallet cards, assist with the documentation, and describe the patient's role in medication safety. The grant provided valuable resources that supported the distribution of medication reconciliation cards and fostered community awareness through newspaper and radio advertisements. WCMC has continued to track and trend progress since inception of this initiative, and to date, has seen a 53% increase in patients presenting to the Emergency Room with an accurate list of medications. For more information on White County's Medication Reconciliation initiative, contact Debbie Hare, RN, BSN, Director of Quality/Risk Management (dhare@wcmc.org or 501.380.1062).