



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Center for Local Public Health

Office of Rural Health and Primary Care

NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

For

Arkansas Small Hospital Improvement Program Grant
Non Critical Access Hospitals
Lean Efficiency Training

Date Issued

March 23 2016



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Arkansas' Small Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) Grant will support three (3) SHIP eligible non critical access hospitals to participate in LEAN Efficiency Training. Pending availability of funds, the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC) will fund LEAN Efficiency Training for three (3) non critical access hospitals on a first come, first served basis. Connected Healthcare Solutions LLC will provide one and one-half days on-site training and information gathering focused on the hospital's leadership, department managers and on community members with the goal to educate participants in the LEAN process and identify a variety of issues that the hospital manages and the board of directors can work collaboratively together utilizing LEAN processes to initiate change in the organization.

Participating hospitals will receive on-site information gathering and community and staff feedback sessions to identify areas for efficiency improvements using LEAN. The tools that will be taught, shared and utilized as part of the LEAN process will be value stream maps, spaghetti diagrams and fishbone diagrams. This project will provide basic knowledge of LEAN to aid the hospital in operational efficiency and better patient care.

Each hospital will received a board strategic report that will include identified issues by the facility managers and community members utilizing LEAN efficiency training to impact rural healthcare.

Selection Criteria:

The first three (3) SHIP Grant eligible non critical access hospital to apply via email will be accepted. Applications must be on hospital letterhead and signed by the Administrator (Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer). If additional funds become available, additional hospitals will be selected based upon date and time the hospital Administrator's email was received.

Participation Requirements:

1. Hospital Administrator agrees to be actively involved and engaged to facilitate improvement activities and implement recommendations.
2. Hospital Administrator agrees to commit necessary hospital staff to facilitate improvement activities and implement recommendations. It is the hospital administrator's responsibility to take action to implement recommendations.
3. Hospital Administrator agrees to work collaboratively with the SHIP Grant Coordinator to document successes, outcomes, and lessons learned from the project.

To find out more about this program, please contact Melissa Turner, SHIP/Flex Grant Coordinator at (501) 661-2200 or via email at Melissa.Turner@arkansas.gov.

Your request for consideration must be written on hospital letterhead and signed by the CAH Administrator. The request must be received via email no later than 3:00 pm on March 31, 2016.

Please email request to:

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