

PCO Grant

The PCO grant is funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to enable states to undertake a variety of activities to improve access to health care, by gathering and analyzing data to determine health care shortage areas, developing health care workforce, convening multiple parties to focus on health care access and equity issues, providing technical assistance to sites and communities. Further, these funds support the OHPR to administer various health care workforce programs, such as the J-1 Visa program, and National Health Service Corps (NHSC) recruitment and retention efforts.

American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) PCO Grant

The ARRA PCO grant supports Oregon's ability to recruit and retain providers of primary medical care, dental care, and mental health care in underserved areas of the State. Through this grant, the PCO is able to conduct community visits to respond to and help determine community needs, and visits to schools to encourage students to enter health care professions. This grant also allows the PCO to provide technical assistance to those communities and clinics who request it.

Additional funds were awarded in September 2011 to undertake a scope of activities to *advance Oregon's workforce development efforts* and specifically: 1) Support retention for Oregon's ten ARRA-funded National Health Service Corp scholars and clinicians by working with clinics and communities where they serve, and 2) Provide technical assistance to clinics and communities with ARRA-funded clinicians to strengthen retention efforts.