ABOUT THE PROJECT

The University of California, Davis, a leading research university with one of the nation’s top medical training centers, is proposing a program to increase institutional use of the California Telehealth Network (CTN), a broadband network constructed with funding from the Federal Communications Commission’s Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The project proposes to increase institutional adoption of broadband services through: (1) promoting CTN as the optimal solution for technical training and the transition to long-term sustainable adoption; (2) training healthcare providers, community college instructors, public safety workers, and local librarians; and (3) creating “full service” model communities to successfully demonstrate broadband-enabled telehealth.

The California Telehealth Network also proposes to:

- Equip 15 tele-health model communities with equipment at healthcare and public safety anchor sites, provide content needed for community colleges to offer consumer health courses and incorporate technology adoption into their healthcare workforce curricula, and give libraries the tools they need to support customer healthcare literacy via broadband access.

- Provide computer skills and broadband training to as many as 56,000 residents over the life of the project, offering approximately 220,000 teacher-led training hours in disciplines ranging from career building, basic computing skills, community resources, and education.

- Deploy a UC Davis-led team of experts to 863 sites across California to address the telehealth needs of community anchor institutions by driving usage and adoption in remote area clinics, hospitals, and health centers currently not optimizing their broadband capabilities.

ORGANIZATION’S HISTORY

One of the nation's top public research universities, the University of California Davis is widely known for its specialties in agriculture, viticulture and enology, the biological sciences, and veterinary medicine. A state government entity, it is fully familiar with federal funding regulations and requirements.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- California Community Colleges
- California State Library
- UC Agriculture & Natural Resources
- United Healthcare, West Region
- California Health Information Partnership & Services Organization
- California HealthCare Foundation
- California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.
- National Coalition for Health Integration