

Legislative Report on the Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program  
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The Utah Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program (RPLRP) exists to provide, within funding appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, education loan repayment assistance to physicians in exchange for serving rural communities and citizens. In 2015, the Utah Office of Primary Care and Rural Health (OPCRH) was awarded \$300,000.00 for loan repayment grants through the RPLRP, to address the areas of the state that have substantial need for medical care for underserved and uninsured populations. These grant contracts are for new physicians under contracts in these areas, and require the hospital at which they are hired to match the funds given by the state, and are for two years.

To date, the RPLRP has funded nine physicians in rural Utah, with contracts totaling \$270,000.00 over two years. The first year expenditures as of this date, equaling half this amount (\$135,000) are as follows:

<b>Identifier</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Hospital</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>RPLRP Award per year</b>	<b>Hospital Match per year</b>
Grantee 1	DO	Moab Regional	Moab	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00
Grantee 2	DO	San Juan	Monticello	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Grantee 3	DO	Delta Community	Delta	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00
Grantee 4	DO	Sevier Valley	Richfield	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00
Grantee 5	MD	Castlevew Hospital	Price	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Grantee 6	DO	Castlevew Hospital	Price	\$15,000.00	\$25,000.00
Grantee 7	MD	Beaver Valley	Beaver	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Grantee 8	MD	Castlevew Hospital	Price	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Grantee 9	DO	Gunnison Valley	Gunnison	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00

Each RPLRP contract is funded for two years, with an additional amount of hospital matching equal to the above amounts to be paid. All RPLRP contracts are for two years; this means that the award will be given again for each physician in their second year in the program, assuming that the physician continues to submit progress reports and does not opt out of the program. For the nine physicians above, this would total \$135,000 in the next year.

Additionally, four new applications have already been received for the new year's grant cycle.