



Press Release

California Telehealth Network

Funding to FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot Program

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California Emerging Technology Fund Presents \$1 Million Grant to California Telehealth Network

SACRAMENTO, December 12, 2011 – On December 2, the Board of the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) presented a check for \$1 million to the California Telehealth Network (CTN), the largest FCC Rural Health Care Pilot Program in the country. The funding will assist the CTN in continuing the efforts to significantly increase access to broadband for healthcare sites in rural and medically underserved communities throughout California.

Sunne Wright McPeak, President and CEO of CETF, presented the \$1 million grant to Eric Brown, President and CEO of CTN, at the CETF Regional Leaders Workshop in San Francisco, CA.

“This \$1 million investment is intended to support the ongoing expansion of CTN as the premier telehealth provider in California,” said Sunne Wright McPeak, President and CEO of CETF. “We encourage other foundations, corporations and health care providers to learn more about CTN and find ways to support the transformation of health care delivery in this state.”

The CETF provides leadership statewide to close the "Digital Divide" by accelerating the deployment and adoption of broadband to unserved and underserved communities and populations.

“This important funding allows CTN to expand the capacity of our autonomous 501c3 non-profit organization to achieve the mission of using our medical grade broadband network to improve access to the best quality health care in rural and medically underserved California communities,” said Brown.

The CTN project intends to leverage and build upon California's historic and recent investments in telehealth. This funding opportunity enables CTN to support rural health clinics that are providing vital services to individuals and families in need.

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About the California Telehealth Network

The CTN is a statewide broadband partnership for telehealth dedicated to healthcare. Initially funded through the FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot Program – with the goal of significantly increasing access to acute, primary and preventive health care in rural America – the FCC will provide California with up to \$22.1 million, the largest single state award of its kind with \$3.6 million in matching funds from the California Emerging Technology Fund and additional funding from the California HealthCare Foundation, the California Teleconnect Fund, the National Coalition for Health Integration, the University of California and United Healthcare.

CTN will connect over 800 California healthcare providers through a statewide broadband network to improve access to the best quality health care in rural and medically underserved communities statewide.