

## **New Funding Available!**

The initial \$21 million in funding awarded to IRHN from the FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot Program has been allocated, but the FCC recently announced changes to its **annual** healthcare program. The new **Healthcare Connect Fund** provides \$400 million each year, nationwide, to eligible healthcare providers and to consortiums such as IRHN.

If your hospital, clinic or skilled nursing facility was not able to participate in the initial round of connections to IRHN, we now have an opportunity to include you in the next phase of connections. Please contact Roger Holloway, IRHN's CEO, at (815) 753-8859 or by email at: <a href="mailto:rholloway@niu.edu">rholloway@niu.edu</a>.

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