

ARRA Supplemental Funding for Reaching More Children and Adults Connecticut Immunization Program -- Project Abstract

The Connecticut (CT) Immunization Program will use ARRA funds under the purpose of stimulating economic recovery by strengthening the Nation's healthcare infrastructure and reducing healthcare costs through prevention activities. ARRA funds will be used to increase the number of CT children and adults vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases. Specifically, the CT Immunization Program will use the ARRA funds to upgrade and enhance our immunization information system.

Immunization information systems (IIS; also called registries) are an important tool for increasing and sustaining high vaccination coverage by consolidating vaccination records of children from multiple providers, generating reminder and recall vaccination notices, and providing official vaccination forms and vaccination coverage assessments. One of the Healthy People 2010 objectives is to increase to 95% the proportion of children aged <6 years who participate in fully operational population-based IIS.

A total of \$955,672 is requested to work with an outside vendor to implement a web-based immunization registry and tracking system to replace our outdated DOS-based registry and to hire contract staff to finish the existing backlog of data entry and to prepare current data for migration to the new registry. A total of four contracted staff and ten existing Immunization Program staff will work on this project, as well as the DPH Public Health Information Network Coordinator. The Immunization Program Manager and registry staff will ensure accountability by assessing progress toward achieving our ARRA objectives via monthly phone calls with our CDC Project Officer and quarterly reports and a final report that will be submitted timely.