

# PSC: Awards more than \$790,000 in Telemedicine Grants for 12 projects

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MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC or Commission) awarded more than \$790,000 in funding from the Medical Telecommunications Equipment Program, also known as the Telemedicine Grant Program. The funds will support 12 projects that will purchase medical telecommunications equipment to enhance access to medical care in rural or underserved areas, for people with disabilities, or promotes technologically advanced medical services.

“The projects funded today use broadband and telecommunications services to reduce barriers to getting necessary health screenings as well as decrease the time to access emergency or specialized care for our most vulnerable communities,” said PSC Chairperson Rebecca Cameron Valcq. “Telemedicine grants are improving health outcomes for Wisconsinites by creating regular, virtual access to medical screenings and care. These projects will reduce the risk of blindness in patients due to diabetic retinopathy, will connect patients with specialists without needing to be physically transferred to another facility, and reduce hospital readmission rates for at-home patients.”

Applications for this grant cycle were due on February 10, 2022. The PSC received 15 applications requesting \$1,092,067 in funding. During the last grant round in 2020, the PSC received 19 applications requesting \$1,191,268 in funding. In the last round, the Commission awarded \$1 million to fund 16 grants.

Funding for the Medical Telecommunications Equipment Program comes from the Universal Service Fund, which provides up to \$500,000 per fiscal year for grants. Qualified applicants must be a nonprofit medical clinic or hospital that is governed by a board of directors, serves federally designated health professional areas, medically underserved areas, or medically underserved populations, or is a public health agency.

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Equipment Program.