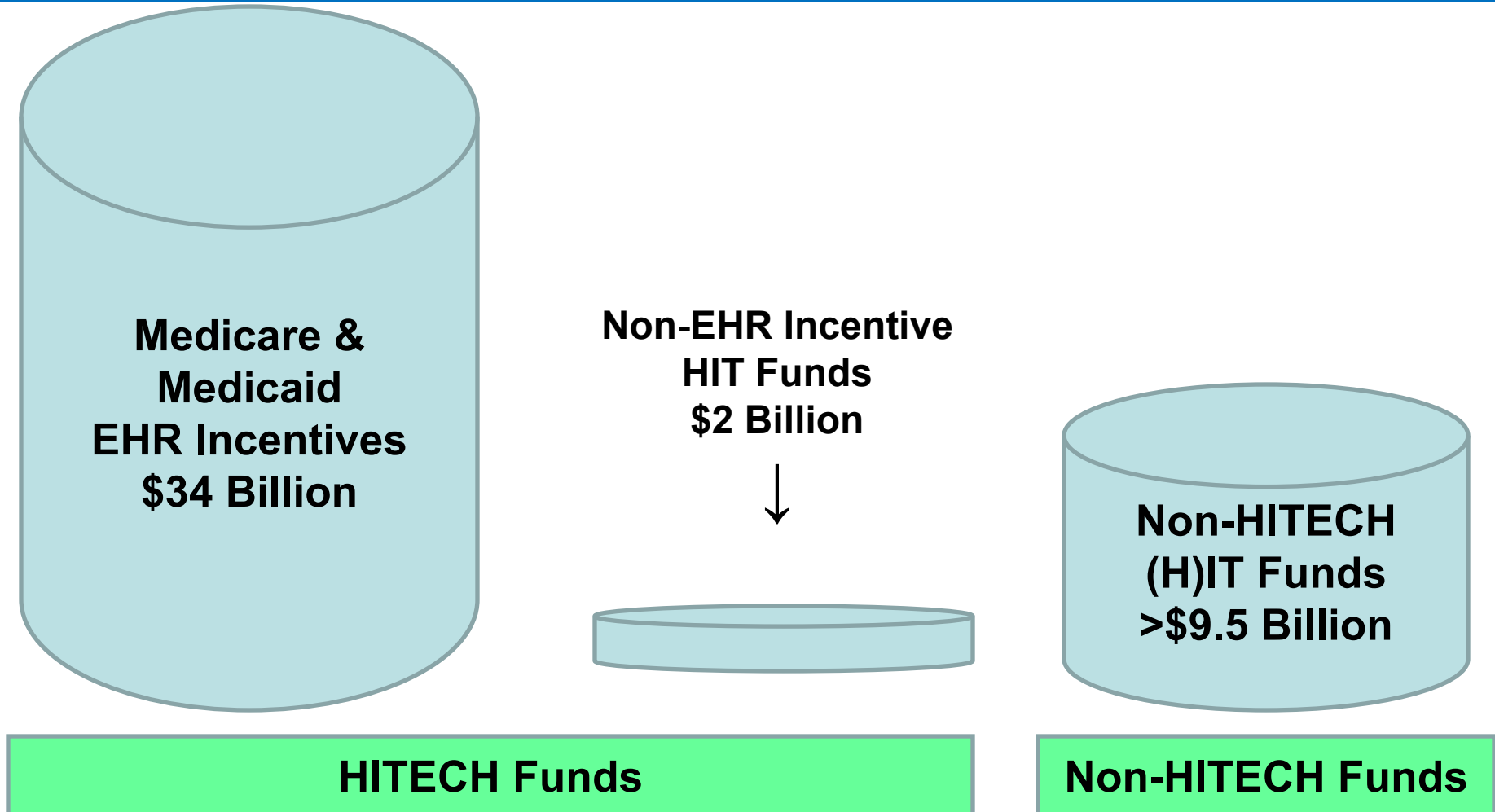


The Arizona HIE Project: Application for State HIE Cooperative Assistance Program

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Three “Buckets” of HIT Funds



State HIE Cooperative Agreement Program: \$9.377M

Dates

- October 16th; Application Submission (Office of Economic Recovery)
- December 15th; Awards Announced
- January 15th; Funds Available



Applicant > Partner > Subcontractors

- Governor's Office of Economic Recovery
 - HIT Coordinator
 - Arizona Health-e Connection
 - ASU Biomedical Informatics (BMI; Dr. Bob Greenes)
 - ASU Center for Health Information & Research (CHIR; Dr. Bill Johnson)

Goal

- To facilitate statewide health information interoperability and the availability of competitive health information exchange functionality to Arizona's healthcare providers

Approach

- To develop and implement statewide HIE strategic and operational plans, utilizing stakeholder and subject matter expert inputs

Objectives (1 of 6)

- #1 To create a planning team composed of project leadership and subject matter experts (SME) in the domains of Governance, Finance, Technical Infrastructure, Business and Technical Operations, and Legal / Policy;

Objectives (2 of 6)

- #2 Through SME leadership of domain committees, produce Strategic and Operational Plans that reflect:
- A) Solid business principles
 - B) Free market economics, and
 - C) The most effective and efficient methods of moving Arizona from current state of HIE to statewide interoperability / competitive HIE availability;

Objectives (3 of 6)

- #3 Establish an interoperability testbed which allows testing of applications and technical theories prior to spending money on actual implementations;

Objectives (4 of 6)

- #4 Identify and disseminate policies, standards, best practices, and model documents that will create a level playing field for the development of health information exchange while assuring data protection (privacy and security);

Objectives (5 of 6)

- #5 Educate stakeholders, including the public, regarding the benefits of HIE, as well as the policies that facilitate it and assure data protection and privacy;

Objectives (6 of 6)

- #6 Ensure that healthcare providers throughout Arizona have options for health information exchange available in time to qualify for “meaningful use” of Electronic Health Records and avoid penalties.

Outcomes

1. Providers will be able to make more informed decisions at the point of care, resulting in increased quality of care;
2. Patients will have more access to and control over their health information;
3. New and unforeseen businesses, products and services providing value to providers and consumers will develop; and
4. Efficiencies and cost avoidance will occur due to the enhanced availability of existing health information.

Products

1. A statewide HIE Strategic Plan;
2. A statewide HIE Operational Plan;
3. An updated business agreement framework; statewide policies;
4. A statewide interoperable infrastructure;
5. An integrated health record for Arizonans that choose to have one; and
6. Data indicating the status of statewide HIE availability.

Advisory Panel

- Community based organizations representing:
 - Medically underserved populations
 - Newborns
 - Children
 - Youth (including foster care)
 - Elderly
 - Disabled
 - Limited English proficiency
 - Mental health
 - Substance abuse
 - Long term care

Advisory Panel (Cont'd)

- Providers (particularly those serving underserved or low income populations)
- Health plans
- Patient/consumer organizations
- HIT vendors
- Health care purchasers & employers
- Public health agencies
- Health professions schools, universities, colleges
- Clinical researchers
- Other users

Domains

- Governance
- Finance
- Technical Infrastructure
- Business and technical operations
- Legal and Policy

Existing HIOs and Exchange Efforts

- Active exchange efforts, whether an HIO or hospital system, may be represented by individual members on a committee, but no one HIO will be represented by multiple staff members on a committee, or in such a way as to automatically weigh the opinion of a committee in favor of one HIO's operations or direction.

Next Steps

- Contract with Governor's Office
- Identifying Project Director, Finance/Administration Director and Planning Consultants (SMEs)
 - Privacy, security and architecture; business/economic modeling of HIT; communications; general
- Identifying overall work scope in domains
- Timeline production

Next Steps (Cont'd)

- Develop selection process for Advisory Panel and Steering Committee
- Await funding announcement, and subsequent negotiation with ONC on cooperative agreement; very likely new Health Internet structure to be integral

Planning vs Implementation \$

- The cost estimation for the planning period, including the required staff, is \$2,098,868.61.
- The remaining \$7,278,131.99 will be used for implementation (including staff).

Arizona's Point of Coordination

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