

GRANTED, MONEY HELPS

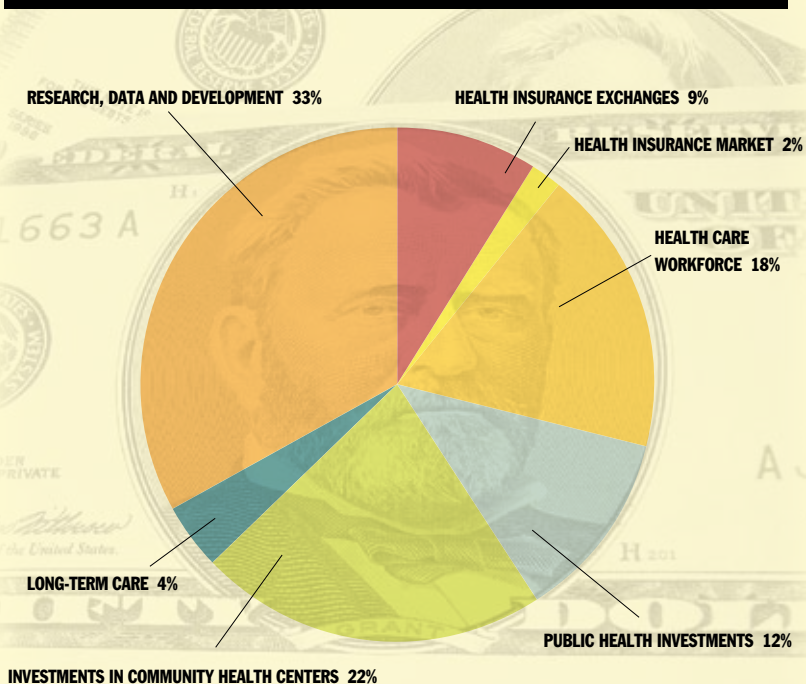
In response to the federal Affordable Care Act, many state officials have begun work on meeting the requirements outlined in the health reform law. Despite some uncertainties, state efforts continue as provisions take effect and deadlines approach.

To help states with planning and implementing the Affordable Care Act, the federal government has awarded grants to state agencies, tribal organizations, health centers, research centers and other entities within all 50 states. Grants cover many areas, including the health care workforce, community health centers, long-term care, public health, the insurance market and research.

Every state except Alaska applied for and received federal funds to begin planning and establishing health insurance exchanges. The exchanges need to be up and running by 2014.

Two states, however, returned some of the federal grants. Florida Governor Rick Scott returned a \$1 million grant for planning a health insurance exchange and another \$1 million for developing a system to monitor premiums and insurance-rate changes. Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker returned a \$637,114 grant for helping consumers understand their health care choices. And at the end of March, Louisiana announced it will opt out of establishing a state-based health insurance exchange and will return the \$998,416 planning grant.

WHERE THE GRANTS HAVE GONE



WHERE THE MONEY'S GONE

Federal Health Reform Grants Received by States, as of April 4, 2011

	Insurance Exchange Planning	Total
Alabama	\$1,000,000	\$19,504,245
Alaska	\$0	\$14,969,036
Arizona	\$997,670	\$38,020,879
Arkansas	\$1,000,000	\$23,046,735
California	\$1,000,000	\$484,368,802
Colorado	\$999,987	\$68,380,676
Connecticut	\$996,850	\$59,048,036
Delaware	\$1,000,000	\$10,710,738
District of Columbia	\$1,000,000	\$33,920,139
Florida	\$0	\$100,996,308
Georgia	\$1,000,000	\$47,474,613
Hawaii	\$1,000,000	\$22,796,483
Idaho	\$1,000,000	\$25,816,901
Illinois	\$1,000,000	\$106,233,739
Indiana	\$1,000,000	\$39,886,489
Iowa	\$1,000,000	\$21,849,770
Kansas	\$1,000,000	\$44,224,633
Kentucky	\$1,000,000	\$39,070,199
Louisiana	\$0	\$37,277,076
Maine	\$1,000,000	\$16,933,564
Maryland	\$999,227	\$78,722,807
Massachusetts	\$1,000,000	\$278,088,181
Michigan	\$999,772	\$79,050,030
Minnesota	\$1,000,000	\$56,076,272
Mississippi	\$1,000,000	\$14,359,798
Missouri	\$1,000,000	\$58,355,585
Montana	\$1,000,000	\$11,253,211
Nebraska	\$1,000,000	\$22,489,392
Nevada	\$1,000,000	\$15,968,845
New Hampshire	\$1,000,000	\$10,948,436
New Jersey	\$1,000,000	\$101,961,665
New Mexico	\$1,000,000	\$40,566,346
New York	\$1,000,000	\$203,119,208
North Carolina	\$1,000,000	\$97,830,563
North Dakota	\$1,000,000	\$7,792,997
Ohio	\$1,000,000	\$63,174,764
Oklahoma	\$1,000,000	\$77,401,180
Oregon	\$1,000,000	\$97,744,422
Pennsylvania	\$1,000,000	\$110,816,327
Rhode Island	\$1,000,000	\$18,209,006
South Carolina	\$1,000,000	\$25,413,608
South Dakota	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,186
Tennessee	\$1,000,000	\$65,880,641
Texas	\$1,000,000	\$113,673,093
Utah	\$1,000,000	\$26,579,885
Vermont	\$1,000,000	\$13,603,199
Virginia	\$1,000,000	\$72,052,912
Washington	\$996,285	\$92,485,484
West Virginia	\$1,000,000	\$31,335,459
Wisconsin	\$999,873	\$81,874,487
Wyoming	\$800,000	\$14,365,222
TOTAL	\$47,789,664	\$3,240,722,272

Note: Total amounts reflect portions of grants that were not accepted or returned to the federal government.

Sources: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Health Resources and Services Administration, Federal Funds Information for States and Healthcare.gov, April 4, 2011.