



is a dedicated nationwide backbone connecting government research, academic, and public and private health care institutions. The program provides up to 85% of the construction costs of a dedicated health care network and up to 85% of the costs of connecting to the nationwide Internet2. However, the Internet2 connection is not required, but may be requested by applicants. The FCC estimates that approximately \$55 to \$60 M is available for the pilot program in 2007.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Office of Technology; Treasurer of State.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov); and [www.usac.org/rhc/tools/rhcdb/Rural/2005/result.asp](http://www.usac.org/rhc/tools/rhcdb/Rural/2005/result.asp)

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